

The State Railroad Commission Will Find It Can't Keep the Upper Hand By Dealing From the Bottom

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## SLAIN WITH HER SILK STOCKING

### ONE MAN'S -- OPINION --

If you are worried over the ease with which the public is fooled, fuddled and led astray, cheer up; because it isn't so.

It would surprise most editors, and all politicians, to learn how little their cleverest writings and sayings fool the plain people.

Those who think front page heroics make heroes have other guesses coming.

Those who imagine that any considerable portion of the public is long misled on any public question, man, measure or method, are less wise than they suppose.

In the heart of him every politician thinks the voter is a mutt; but the voter is not.

Every published mention of the recently thwarted train wreck has lauded the daring, the nerve, the reckless bravery of the half dozen police officers who pulled this spectacle.

No public hint of any other thought than one of appreciation for this much advertised coup has been given, yet the man on the street, almost all of him, thinks mighty little of this police escapade.

Some men think of the woman and children on that train whose lives were placed in jeopardy through the desire of the cops to make a gallery play.

Others think of the boob who was shot like a rabbit beside the track.

Still others wonder if it is the job of police to do the movie thriller, or to prevent crime.

From any one of half a dozen angles you will find the great mass of the ordinary thinking men of this city today either deriding or condemning these officers for taking the chance they did with the lives of a trainload of helpless passengers, mostly for the glory of a osterie that perhaps needed some good news, and searching administration of its affairs.

Far be it from the deponent to say these folks on the streets are right. Certainly I would hesitate in even hinting that the combined official brains of our esteemed department could bring forth anything evil or silly, but as an instance of how little press and official approbation affects the citizen it is worth mentioning.

Grandstanding carries its own antidote.

### Kilbane to Barnstorm

Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion of the world, wants to start an international barnstorming tour in Australia, according to a telegram received by "Snowy" Baker today from his manager, Jack Garvey. Baker is a heavy stockholder in the Australian boxing stadiums.

"We plan to sail in March and would like to meet Australia's contenders in two matches for title," wired Garvey. "Would also make 10-week vaudeville tour."

Baker said he believed the bouts could be arranged, but felt that Kilbane would not be satisfied with the financial terms.

"Australians do not enthuse over boxing in vaudeville," said the veteran promoter. "They feel the stadiums are the proper places for punching. I am afraid Kilbane will want more money than the bouts will draw."

### L. A. A. C. AND NAVY TEAMS TO MEET

The Los Angeles Athletic club basketball team will clash with the U. S. S. Tennessee five on the club floor some night this week, according to Charlie Keppen. The club manager is also lining up a game between San Jose American Legion and the club five for some time in February.

### NEWS DIGEST

#### EAST AND ABROAD—

Nagasaki, Japan, Feb. 1.—Danger of war between Japan and Mexico believed averted.

Rome.—Final funeral for pope is held.

Indianapolis.—Coal workers invite railroad men to form labor combine.

Tokyo.—Prince Yamagata dies suddenly.

#### WASHINGTON—

World naval treaty made public.

Norfolk, Va.—Barnstorming head, may succeed Senator Kenyon.

Hughes publicly announces Shantung row is settled.

#### LOS ANGELES—

Chinese girl pleads for rescue from man.

Carl tells police 'white slave ring at hand.'

Ask city to reopen work camp for veterans.

Hollywood mass meeting tonight to fight Arroyo de la Nacale storm drain.

Los Angeles wife shot in Lotta Beach; father, captured by son, held for shots.

Spread net for two escaped jail prisoners who faced 65 years in prison.

Black Semnet reports gold strike in Northern California.

Scaffold collapses at Second street tunnel.

Jury in Johnson case near completion.

#### COAST—

San Francisco.—Start arguments before jury in Arbutle case.

WEATHER—

For Los Angeles and vicinity.—Fair to light and Thursday, with frost in the morning.

### POWER BOARD TO MEET IN L. A.

El Centro, Cal., Feb. 1.—The Colorado river commission, a federal body created to devise and utilize the flood waters of the Colorado river, will meet in El Centro, February 20, to discuss first hand with irrigation experts here a program for conservation and reclamation necessary to meet the needs of the tremendous project, it was announced today.

The announcement was made public by Secretary McIvor of the Imperial Irrigation district, with whose directors and experts, as well as others, the commission will confer while here.

The commission also will meet in Phoenix, Ariz., February 15, and, following the conference here, will proceed for Los Angeles for a session with the chamber of commerce there on February 23.

The commission, of which Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, is chairman, recently completed important discussions in Washington, where it was decided to make a tour of inspection of the territory affected for the purpose of gathering accurate information on the problem.

### RECOMMENDS BROTHER

In a letter received at the office of the Los Angeles club today, Pitcher Elmer Ponder, recently acquired from the Cubs, recommended his own brother to the local team.

"Bud" Ponder, the brother, is also a pitcher.

"As I have not even received my contract from you folks for 1922, I have hesitated to recommend my brother," he wrote. "I am afraid you might suspect I wanted to give him a free train ride."

"However, several Texas and Southern league clubs are after him and I really believe he would make good. He is only 20 years of age, stands over six feet and weighs 180 pounds. I would like to have him near me, as I believe my coaching would benefit him."

### U. S. Shipping Board Vessel Sinks

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 1.—The United States shipping board steamship Eastern Dawn, allocated to the Black Diamond steamship company, loaded with 5000 tons of grain for Antwerp, presumably for Russian relief, partly sank at her moorings here early today.

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# BARE DRY RAID TORTURE

### ARBUCKLE CASE NEARING JURY

By United Press.

San Francisco, Feb. 1.—Arguments to the jury in the Roscoe Arbuckle manslaughter trial started today.

After a half hour of preliminary evidence this trial, in testimony "in ended and the court recessed for 15 minutes to permit attorneys to prepare themselves for their addresses.

Milton T. U'Brien, assistant district attorney, opened the arguments for the state.

He denied the defense charges that the state had "impounded" witnesses, retaliated by attacking the testimony of Zey Pyron, show girl, who had been summoned as a state witness, yet failed to remember the thing to which she was expected to testify.

Indications were the case would go to the jury tomorrow morning.

The court announced that if arguments could be finished this afternoon the jury would be charged at a night session and deliberation would begin during the evening.

### BARGE FACES PERIL AT SEA

By United Press.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The barge White Head, about 200 miles off the Virginia Capes today, wirelessly for immediate assistance, a report to the navy department stated. The Yamacraw, a coast guard vessel, which towed the Arcthusa, naval oil tanker, to Hampton Roads, started to the White Head's assistance. The White Head appeal did not state her trouble.

### CHAMP BILLIARDIST DUE

Jack Schaefer, world's champion billiardist, will arrive here Sunday with Roger Conti for a series of exhibitions at the Los Angeles Athletic club, Charlie Keppen announced today. The men will meet Monday and Wednesday nights.

### GALLOPING BATH TUBS

AZURE-IDE on a one-man car, and do a hairpin turn from St. Vincent's hospital to Hill street, and are thrown from one end of the car to the other and bounced up and down and nearly lose your hold on the strap, and your teeth, don't you think of lots of names to call the cars? That is, something that can be printed?

Send some in. The grand prize will consist of a plush-lined P. E. bus transfer, never been used. Send your name to the One-Man Car Editor, Los Angeles Record.

Here's a list already suggested:  
Gallop bath tubs.  
Electric vibrators.  
Fare compressors.  
Overstuffed tea wagons.  
One-room roller skates.  
Scared peanut wagons.  
Rail hoppers.  
Portable kennels.  
Four-power packs.

### Here's Treaty 'Boiled Down'

Final agreement on the five-power naval treaty was announced to the world today at an open session of the arms parley. The treaty in the main follows the original American proposals as announced by Secretary Hughes the opening day of the parley.

The treaty remains in force for 15 years, expiring December 31, 1936. Its automatic continuance, however, is provided for.

The three great powers—the United States, Great Britain and Japan—will scrap 68 capital ships, a total tonnage of 1,861,043.

Ship building holiday of 10 years with a few exceptions is provided by the treaty.

The treaty provides for a 5-5-3-1-25.15 ratio in capital ship tonnage between the United States, Great Britain, Japan, France and Italy. Roughly this means that after the treaty is in force the navies of the United States and Great Britain will be equal. Japan will have a navy of three-fifths of that of the United States. France and Italy will equal navies, but smaller than the other three powers.

Replacement tonnage is on the same basis and will be for the United States, 525,000 tons; Great Britain, 525,000; Japan, 315,000; France, 175,000, and Italy, 175,000.

United States will call another conference of powers in eight years to make any changes found necessary in the treaty.

United States, Great Britain and Japan maintain the status quo in fortifications and naval bases in the Pacific islands. This is known as the Pacific pact and means that the naval base and fortifications of the various powers having possessions in the Pacific remain as they are at present.

A separate treaty between the five powers prohibits the use of submarines against merchant shipping and pledges the powers against the use of poison gas.

## 5 POWERS PLEDGE 15 YEARS PEACE

By CARL D. GROAT

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

CONTINENTAL HALL, WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Adoption of the five-power naval treaty and settlement of the Shantung row were the two outstanding features of today's fifth plenary session of the arms conference.

The naval treaty which was adopted by the five powers in the main contain the same proposals as the original American ship scrapping proposal. It remains in force for 15 years and provides a 10-year naval building holiday. The use of poison gas and submarine warfare on merchantmen is banned in a separate treaty. The treaty also settles the Pacific island problems.

Of equal importance with the naval treaty was the announcement by Secretary Hughes of the settlement of the Shantung row. This agreement is a compromise on far eastern problems indulged in by the principal powers. It provides in brief:

1. China gets the Shantung railroad.
2. The road will be controlled by Chinese with Japanese assistants.
3. China has 15 years in which to pay for the road.
4. Japanese soldiers will be removed from China.
5. Kiao Chow, a former German province, will be returned to China.
6. England also will return one of its possessions, Wei Hei Wei, to China.
7. Respect open-door policy in China.

Hughes sprung a surprise on the conference by announcing that a written agreement between Japan and China providing for the return of the Shantung province to China had been completed.

He read the compact to the conference.

The draft was completed by the Japanese and Chinese conferees last night. This action makes certain

### NAB CHINESE IN MYSTERY RAID

Declaring that she was forced to live a life of shame by a tong man and asking for help, a Chinese girl, naming her name Toy Long, wrote a letter to the chief of police, which resulted in a raid on a house at 309 Napier street and the arrest of four Chinese at noon today.

The detectives found a room filled with incense and fitted with Oriental draperies. Two pretty Chinese women and the two men were in the room.

Both the women denied any knowledge of the letter and all professed ignorance of the English language. However, two are known to the police and are known to be able to speak good English.

The note which caused the raid was sent special delivery to the chief and read:

Dear Sir: Please come to 309 Napier street, between Alameda and Chinatown. I am a Chinese girl. A tong man make me do all his bad business. I have to make \$20 a night. Please come take that Tong man away from me. My name is Toy lung and Mew Young, here for Tong man bad business. Please come at 11 a. m."

It is said an investigation will be made to determine whether Chinese girls are kept in slavery by tong men and others in Chinatown.

### L. A. Girl Reveals Border Slave Ring

By ELEANOR M. BARNES

Just below the Mexican border line beautiful white girls are being held prisoners.

They are fed well, clothed in the manner of the señoritas of the country, furnished with cigarettes, liquor—ah, the finest of wines. But they are prisoners.

These girls, all young, never are permitted to meet other Americans, but they must lead the gay unhampered life of the underworld!

This is the weird tale that pretty 18-year-old Irene Arvizu tells to girl inmates of the juvenile hall today.

Since she was picked up late last night by Lieut. A. H. Ferris, of the Los Angeles police department, she has stuck to her unusual tale of adventure just below the Mexican line.

Down in Mexico, Irene said, the girls long to break from the chains that bind them. But they are watched by Mexicans, who smile sneeringly at their efforts to return home.

Goldenrod is the national flower emblem of the United States.

### PREDICT QUAKE

Cleveland, O., Feb. 1.—Another earthquake, probably as violent as the shock yesterday, is due to shake the world, Father L. F. Odenbach, St. Ignatius' college, declared today. "It is very likely another earthquake will follow shortly in the wake of the first," he declared.

### LAST MINUTE NEWS

WARRANTS ISSUED FOR L. A. AGENTS

Warrants for the arrest of five well known prohibition agents operating out of Los Angeles were issued today by the district attorney's office, following an arraignment of District Attorney McElroy.

The warrants were issued for the arrest of the following: Alvin Karpis, who is wanted for the \$200,000 Bremer kidnapping; Fred Barker, who is wanted for the same crime; and three other persons whose names were not given.

One man, James P. Moore, Italian war hero, who was held in a prison condition as the result of a trial for alleged to have been received at the hands of the prohibition agents. Several of his ribs are fractured, his spine injured and he is suffering from other injuries.

It is alleged that Moore was handcuffed and his arms stretched over a door sill until his toes barely touched the floor. This was and it is charged, in order to compel him to implicate others in the operation of the still.

A 12-year-old boy was alleged to have been similarly treated.

The complaint, McClellan said, will charge assault with a deadly weapon and assault with intent to commit murder.

Attorney Hopman, who is representing the Italian, declared he had five witnesses to the alleged act of the prohibition enforcement agent and that he will file to the district attorney's office signed statement from these witnesses.

The charges against the federal officers include many acts of alleged brutality and torture, that may be investigated by the federal grand jury.

## POLICE BARE AUTO MURDER

By United Press.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 1.—The body of an unidentified woman, about 35 years of age, who had been choked to death by her own silk stockings, was found in the railroad subway at Twentieth and Charlotte streets here today, police announced.

Except for the lower extremities, the body was fully clothed in black. The remnants of a gag made from an undershirt was in the mouth.

Police believe the body was hurled from an automobile from the roadway, 60 feet above the subway.

### Tia Juana Entries

First race, 6 furlongs:  
Clerk ..... 107 Nick Klein ..... 107  
Geo. Muehlbach ..... 111 Sodice ..... 107  
Lola ..... 112 Star Actor ..... 112  
Master Franklin ..... 111 Uranium ..... 111  
Second race, 6 furlongs:  
Aashon Girl ..... 109 Nebraska ..... 116  
Bonnet of Blue ..... 102 Pink Toney ..... 114  
Dora ..... 106 Tom Caro ..... 111  
Moshi, Tighman ..... 111 Walt H. Pearce ..... 107  
Angela ..... 108 Nellie Harper ..... 101  
Cicely Kay ..... 109 La Vaga ..... 114  
Chick Barkley ..... 114 Plunger ..... 109  
Evelyn Harrigan ..... 109 Plantagenet ..... 114  
Lapham ..... 109 Wise Judge ..... 109  
Fourth race, 5 1/2 furlongs:  
Fifth race, 5 furlongs:  
Dr. Tabbs ..... 112 Plow Steel ..... 105  
Indian Prince ..... 114 Trumpet Call ..... 111  
Little Florence ..... 112 Tabloid ..... 107  
Little Lass ..... 103  
Sixth race, 5 furlongs:  
"Irwin" entry.  
Barnes entry.  
Sixth race, 1 1/2 miles:  
Audrey K. .... 111 Mistress Polly ..... 110  
Booneville ..... 108 Orleans Girl ..... 105  
"Buckhorn" ..... 110 Rhymer ..... 107  
Seventh race, 5 furlongs:  
Ermitana ..... 112 Labella ..... 112  
Gladie Rose ..... 109 Pincetree ..... 113  
Gladie ..... 113 Ringmaster ..... 114  
Kitty Cheatham ..... 109 W. G. Dooley ..... 114

### UMP QUILTS COAST BALL

Because he can make more money in business, Billy Phyle today mailed his resignation from the umpiring staff of the Pacific coast league to President William H. McCarthy. Phyle has been in the service of the Coast league for nine years.

It is possible that Phyle may accept a position in the National league next year. That organization was after him last season. He also is interested in several business deals.

Jack Croter has also tendered his resignation and the departure of these two umpires will make room for "Beans" Reardon, local sand lot product and Jack Carroll, who was in the Pacific Northwest league last year.



# SAIN MAN PREDICTED DEATH. -UE IN MURDER MYSTERY!

## ONE MAN'S --OPINION--

DOES the golden rule work in business?  
It is the only rule that always does work.  
In Los Angeles there is a certain small machine shop. During the dull season, last fall and early this winter, the owner of the shop kept his entire force of men on the payroll, though frequently there was not work enough for half the force.  
The boss was not a rich man. It was hard sledding week after week and money for the payroll was not always earned by the week's shop income, but the boss stuck and saw it through with his workers.  
The rush season has started now and the shop is crammed to its doors with work. And you will notice this if you will go into this shop today: every man is working at top speed, every man is cheerful at his work, and the spirit of efficient friendliness warms the cockles of a stranger's heart, for modern industry does not make for the glad spirit.  
It is probable that the output per man of this shop is away above the average. It is certain that the men take a pride in doing good work, that they are willingly on the jump all day, without any apparent bossing, and that good will radiates from this little place like a sun spot.  
Henry Ford proved that the golden rule worked: in every city the country through are exceptional places where the workmen do wonders because the boss has a heart, a sympathy and a desire to share some of his profits.  
The most successful store in Portland, Oregon, is co-operative, and has been for years.  
The worker does lay down on the boss frequently. There is a class of worker that is a bum, but always you will find the bum in the shops where a white man doesn't get a white man's chance. No shirker ever lasts long in a co-op institution, because his fellows are as eager as the superintendent to get rid of him.  
The golden rule works in business; it even works on husbands, and that is certainly a crucial test.

## FIND LETTERS FROM CHILD OF VICTIM

### NEWS DIGEST

**WEATHER**—  
Ten Los Angeles and vicinity: Fair, mild weather tonight and Friday, with frost in the morning.

**COAST**—  
San Francisco—Arbuckle jury still out. Believed to be 10 to 2 for acquittal.

**WASHINGTON**—  
Ford offer sent to congress.  
Republicans consider calling housing conference.  
McKee says privately owned railroads cost public more.  
Army postmaster expects to adjourn soon. Shugartness dies after being hurt in theater crash.

**EAST AND ABROAD**—  
Home—First vote on pope Friday.  
Home—Italian cabinet resigns.  
London, Africa—Four men killed in Mexican landslide.  
Berlin—Two hundred and sixty thousand railroad workers strike.  
Brownsville, Pa.—Six known dead and 100 entombed in mine disaster.  
New York—Ten burned in ship explosion.

**LOS ANGELES**—  
Harold Thompson of Hollywood falls 100 feet to death on mountain.  
William D. Taylor, famous movie director, found mysteriously murdered.  
Bill Rhodes, secret actress, charges husband, William Jobelman, kicked her out of bed.  
Woman charges U. S. dry agents torture boy and man in raid on home.  
Find no trace of three bandits who kidnaped Eladio messengers for \$1000.  
"Red" Lambertson, who tried to wreck "gold train," dies from police bullet wounds.

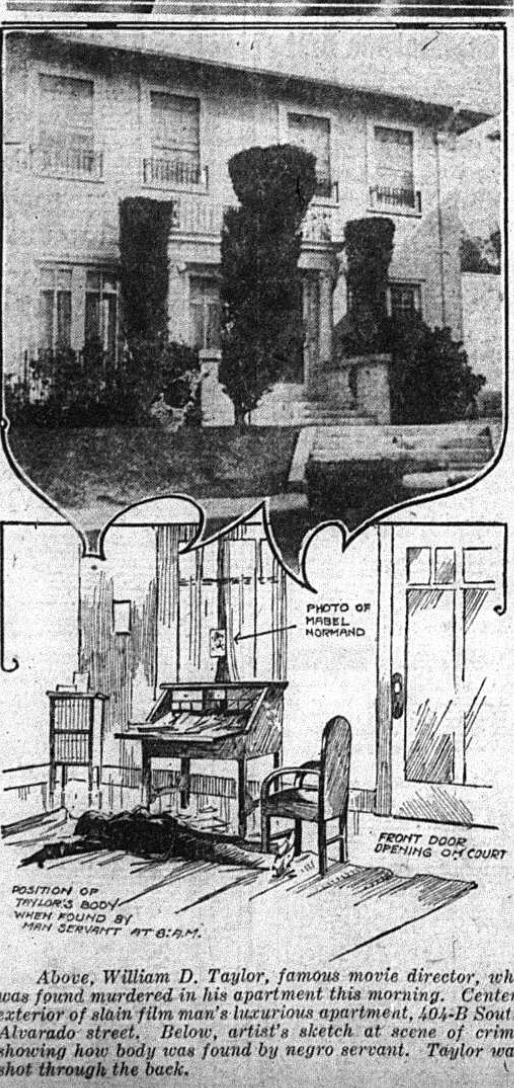
**Tia Juana Entries**

First race, 6 furlongs:  
Alazon ..... 94 Kenward ..... 116  
Coffee John ..... 108 Little Orphan ..... 108  
Donoville ..... 109 Miss Johnson ..... 112  
Chick Barkley ..... 114 Nebraska ..... 114  
Cagito ..... 112 Monterri ..... 108  
Grace W. .... 111 Nostra Dale ..... 111  
Joe. Mushbach ..... 106 Sue ..... 106  
Second race, 6 furlongs:  
Al Porter ..... 113 Lambertson ..... 108  
Chas. Cannel ..... 112 Laura Cochran ..... 108  
Combs ..... 110 Montgomery Jr. .... 112  
Pond Hope ..... 107 Belling Ann ..... 108  
Frank Wilton ..... 112 Vic ..... 108  
Lady ..... 101 Wiley Garrett ..... 112  
Third race, 1 mile:  
Clear the Way ..... 107 Lotta Speed ..... 97  
Cronin ..... 104 Lave ..... 112  
Geldie Rose ..... 104 Montono ..... 104  
Gadling ..... 109 View ..... 112  
Fourth race, 1 mile and 50 yards:  
Alma B. .... 103 Marjorie Mignon ..... 98  
Bill Head ..... 102 Harry Burgerline ..... 102  
Chas. Master ..... 106 Little Painter ..... 106  
Chick Barkley ..... 111 Nebraska ..... 111  
Chick ..... 106 Shannandah ..... 112  
Lewis B. .... 114 Weinland ..... 114  
Fifth race, 1 mile:  
Head Over Heels ..... 104 Rapid Stride ..... 117  
Mida ..... 102 Sister Sue ..... 107  
Non Bell ..... 107 Sedan ..... 108  
Omond ..... 107  
Sixth race, mile and a sixteenth:  
Bill Baker ..... 98 Fancher ..... 98  
Cavaladeur, Y. .... 104 Piedra ..... 112  
Frank Fogarty ..... 103 Short Step ..... 112  
Franklin ..... 100 Sans Fear ..... 112  
Mike Daily ..... 98  
Seventh race, 5/8 furlongs:  
Bill Baker ..... 102 Harry Burgerline ..... 102  
Chas. Master ..... 106 Little Painter ..... 106  
Chick Barkley ..... 111 Nebraska ..... 111  
Chick ..... 106 Shannandah ..... 112  
Lewis B. .... 114 Weinland ..... 114  
Eighth race, 1/2 mile:  
Head Over Heels ..... 104 Rapid Stride ..... 117  
Mida ..... 102 Sister Sue ..... 107  
Non Bell ..... 107 Sedan ..... 108  
Omond ..... 107  
Ninth race, 1/2 mile:  
Bill Baker ..... 102 Harry Burgerline ..... 102  
Chas. Master ..... 106 Little Painter ..... 106  
Chick Barkley ..... 111 Nebraska ..... 111  
Chick ..... 106 Shannandah ..... 112  
Lewis B. .... 114 Weinland ..... 114  
Tenth race, 1/2 mile:  
Head Over Heels ..... 104 Rapid Stride ..... 117  
Mida ..... 102 Sister Sue ..... 107  
Non Bell ..... 107 Sedan ..... 108  
Omond ..... 107

### Working on Part

Taylor had been working on a part for a woman star in a new Lasky production during the afternoon, according to friends.  
"I left him talking over one of those books with Miss Normand at about 7 o'clock," said Harry Peavey, his colored valet.  
"Anything more you want?" I asked him," Peavey said he inquired of Taylor.  
"He told me he didn't and I went home."  
Drug contained in the medical cactus button produces in the user visions of gorgeous sunsets.

## MURDER VICTIM



Above, William D. Taylor, famous movie director, who was found murdered in his apartment this morning. Center, exterior of slain film man's luxurious apartment, 404-B South Alvarado street. Below, artist's sketch at scene of crime showing how body was found by negro servant. Taylor was shot through the back.

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## FILM DIRECTOR SHOT IN BACK BY GUNMAN

New clues were discovered late this afternoon that may lead to a solution of the mysterious murder of William Desmond Taylor, 35, noted movie director, found shot through the back, in his apartment, 404-B South Alvarado street, this morning.

- New developments were:
1. Taylor had a premonition that death was near, and related his fear to Mrs. J. M. Berger, income tax expert. "If anything happens," he told her yesterday afternoon, "look out for my affairs."
  2. Mysterious phone calls and anonymous letters were received by Taylor. He told Mrs. Berger that for three weeks someone had been attempting to find out if Taylor was in his apartment. When Taylor answered, the person would hang up immediately.
  3. Taylor was engaged in a telephone call that evidently worried him, when Mabel Normand called at his apartments at 7:15 p. m. yesterday.
  4. Taylor is reported to have told Charles Maigne, a friend, that he feared unknown persons, who invaded his apartments while he was absent, walked on his bed with dusty shoes, and left gold-tipped cigaret stubs.

Detectives late today said they were unable to find a single trace of Edward F. Sands, former valet of Taylor's charged with robbing Taylor. Warrants were issued weeks ago for Sands. Police want to question him.  
Mabel Normand, this afternoon, was confined to her home from nervous breakdown. She is said to be a dear friend of Taylor.  
Taylor's body was found sprawled in front of his writing desk, by Harry Peavey, colored man-servant.  
He was evidently shot from behind. The bullet took an upward course, entering his body near the left kidney. Powder burns were evident. The bullet lodged underneath the right shoulder.  
Death was instantaneous.  
Mabel Normand, the motion picture star, is believed to have been the last person to see Taylor alive. Officers say that she had discussed a scenario with the Famous Players-Lasky director early last evening before the colored valet had left, and that Taylor had conducted her to a waiting auto in the street.  
DID HE SLIP PAST INTO HOUSE THEN?  
Peavey, the valet, who left the house at about the same time, said that Taylor had left the front door of the apartment open, and it is assumed that the murderer entered and concealed himself, shooting down his victim as he returned.  
Peavey discovered Taylor's body, lying as it fell, with a chair athwart the legs, and rushed in a frenzy of fear to rouse neighbors.  
One of the first to arrive at the murder house was E. C. Jesurun, owner of the bungalow court in which Taylor lived.  
He said he heard a shot last night, but paid no attention to it, as he thought it was an automobile backfiring. The noise was also heard by [CONTINUED ON PAGE SEVEN]

## TEN WOMEN ON MURDER JURY

Ten women and two men will decide the fate of Mrs. Julia Lee Johnston, on trial in Judge Avery's court for the murder of her husband, Thomas P. Johnston of Long Beach.  
The jury was sworn in shortly before noon today after two days and a half had been spent in selecting it. The opening statements were made and at the beginning of the afternoon session the first testimony of the prosecution was offered.  
County Autopsy Surgeon Wagoner was the first witness.  
Mrs. Johnston is asserted to have shot her husband because of his alleged activities as a bootlegger and gambler.  
"DAD" M'VICKERS DIES SUDDENLY  
Alexander "Dad" McVickers, for many years groundskeeper at Washington park, was buried from the funeral parlors of Cresce brothers here today. The deceased was 81 years of age.  
"Dad" resigned his position several years ago, but when officials of the Los Angeles club were informed of his death today they sent a floral piece in memory of his long service while the club was under other ownership.

## MURDER MYSTERY AT A GLANCE

- William Desmond Taylor, well known director of Famous Players-Lasky studios, found shot to death in his apartment, 404-B South Alvarado street early this morning.
- Body discovered by Taylor's colored man servant, Harry Peavey, when he arrived to prepare breakfast.
- No clue in house to indicate possible identity of assassin, or details of murder.
- Motive believed by police and associates of slain man to have been grudge.
- Authorities searching for Edward F. Sands, former butler of Taylor's, charged in warrants with two former robberies of his employer's home, and wanted for questioning.
- Last person to visit Taylor believed to have been Mabel Normand, famous movie star, who discussed a scenario with him early last night at his apartment.
- Murderer apparently gained entrance to apartments through front door left unlocked when Taylor escorted Miss Normand to waiting auto.
- Neighbors heard shot—at the time believed to be auto backfire—somewhere between 8 and 9 o'clock last night.
- Personal effects of Taylor, money and jewelry, not touched and no evidences that house was ransacked.
- Motion picture associates of Taylor's being questioned in effort to throw more light on a possible motive, aside from the grudge lead now being followed.

## LAST MINUTE NEWS

ARBuckle JURY IS OUT 23 HOURS  
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—The Roscoe Arbuckle jury went into the 23rd hour of its deliberation on the manslaughter charge against the big comedian this afternoon with prospects perhaps a little brighter for ultimate agreement.  
Courtroom observers considered the fact that just before going to lunch the jury requested a complete transcript of the testimony in order to clear up certain, unspecified points, as indicating that there was still some hope of agreement.  
At the hall of justice it was believed that in case no verdict was reached the jury would be kept out at least 72 hours.  
The jury returned from lunch at 2:25 p. m. and resumed its deliberations.  
Shortly before 12 o'clock the suspense in the Roscoe Arbuckle trial was broken, when a bailiff was summoned to the jury room and told the jury desired to see the judge. The judge was called, it being expected that he would call the jury into court. There were no indications as to whether a verdict had been reached.  
Court was convened and Judge Louderback read a note from the jury requesting a transcript of the evidence. Attorneys for both sides agreed to granting the request and the transcript was ordered given to the jury. The request was taken as indicating the jury had not given up hope of reaching an agreement. The jury was not called into court.  
SAN DIEGO, Feb. 2.—The polo season is under way here today. The Denver four took the first game from Riverside, 7 to 4.  
Lions and tigers in captivity require one day a week without food to keep them in good health.  
Military honors and decorations are held by more men in France than in any other country.



When a Los Angeles real estate man finally got his wife on the phone to tell her he'd have to work late at the office, he found she was already granted a divorce because he was dancing that night with the stenog.

# TO TRY FATTY AGAIN

## ONE MAN'S -- OPINION --

"He hasn't a Chinaman's chance" used to be the Golden West's expression for nothing at all in the way of opportunity.

But today in Los Angeles the celestial has about all the liberty left frail humanity. He worships his own gods in his own way.

He imbibes his own weird hooch in his own environment. He fan tans and lotteries with eclat, and real money.

And finally he's the only American citizen, if he is one, who can celebrate with firecrackers, drums, horns, shotguns and other joyous implements.

Years and years ago I had the good fortune to be a boy and to be on hand at various old-fashioned Fourth's.

Ye village blacksmith started in at midnight and blew the top off his shop with the initial salute, fired between two anvils.

From then on sleep ceased in the township; shotguns boomed, the Gettysburg cannon on the courthouse stoop kicked itself into hysterics; the only limitation to jubilation was the length of your purse, and small boys fired crackers off in bunches, fired cannon crackers, fired torpedoes and devil chasers and bombs through the delightful day.

THEN came night and pa burned off his eyebrows and punctured the dog with erratic skyrocket, Roman candles and pinwheels and nigger chasers caroomed here and yon; and at midnight everybody went to bed wrapped in bandages and utterly worn out with happiness.

It has been years and years since the incense of burning firecrackers delighted my nostrils, until this week when our oriental brothers welcomed their new year, and it was a thrill to see entire flocks and troops of crackers explode, to the whang of the war drum and the shrill whine of the Chinese fife. On the side lines wistful American boys stood and moaned forth their heart anguish.

About the only thing left for a patriotic white man in this mild, and more or less virtuous, land is a quiet game of dominoes for a chocolate sundae.

That men are really any better, more honest, more helpful or more patriotic, is doubtful. A cherry flip age.

## Wrigley To Build New Ball Park

While Pacific Coast league directors have been adopting resolutions ordering him not to build a new ball park here, William Wrigley, Jr., owner of the Los Angeles club, has been quietly negotiating for the purchase of a new playing site near Washington street and Vermont avenue.

It was learned today that he has decided to purchase a city block bounded by Seventeenth street on the north, Pacific street on the east and Reid street on the west. It is 60x575 feet in size. The Washington street frontage will not be included.

When the contemplated ball park is erected in 1926, it will represent a total investment of \$500,000. Wrigley held an option on the property before the recent league meeting at which he was ordered to continue play at Washington park.

**Six Minutes' Drive**  
The new site is only six minutes' drive by automobile from Washington park.

Agents who selected the location combed the city thoroughly before taking an option. They found only four parcels of land which would have been suitable for a new park. They were instructed to keep watch of Alameda street because it was feared the railroad trains would hold up auto traffic and cut down the attendance.

No attempt will be made to construct a new park until the expiration of the present lease on Washington park. It is held jointly by the Los Angeles and Vernon clubs.

**Plans New Street**  
When the tract is taken over by Wrigley, he plans to cut through a new street running from Pacific to Reid street, thus making the site accessible to traffic from all sides.

## MEUSEL TO GET \$10,000

"Irish" Meusel will receive the biggest salary of his career for playing with the New York Giants this year. It was learned today that the outfielder had signed his 1922 contract at a salary of \$10,000 for the season.

Wes Kingston, young infielder of the New York Yankees, has not been so fortunate. He has declined the contract sent him by his club and has telegraphed asking for a higher figure.

Reports were current today that Art Griggs, Los Angeles first baseman, was a holdout. Griggs is said to be determined to hold out for a larger pay envelope.

## MYSTERY DEATH AT LONG BEACH

An unidentified man, about 60 years old, was found unconscious at 11 o'clock this morning under a palm tree at Obispo avenue, just south of Grand avenue, Long Beach, by oil workers from Signal Hill. He died at 12 o'clock without regaining consciousness.

The man was shabbily dressed, and had no identification marks on him except a card from a free employment agency at 1201 South Los Angeles street, bearing the name Frank Wells, Tonapah, Nev.

An inquest will be held over the body tomorrow to determine whether he was murdered, died a natural death or committed suicide.

## TWO WOMEN ARE BURNED

Two women were seriously burned today when their clothes caught fire from gas heaters.

Jennie Caplin, 14, of 1154 East Twenty-third street, suffered severe burns on her neck, back and arms when her clothes caught fire from a heater in front of which she was dressing. She may not live.

Mrs. Lila M. Kelly, 21, of 5202 McKinley avenue, suffered severe burns on her legs and back when her clothes caught fire from a gas heater.

## NEWS DIGEST

**WEATHER**—For Los Angeles and vicinity—Fair tonight and Saturday. Frost tonight.

**COAST**—San Francisco—Expect Arbuckle jury to reach verdict or be dismissed today.

**EAST AND ABOARD**—Tokio—Bury Prince Yamagata next week.

**EREMONT, NEH.**—Woman in jail refuses to break hunger strike.

**HOUSTON, TEX.**—Bodies of 16 men recovered from mine.

**HOME**—Second vote for new pipe fails.

**WASHINGTON**—First report on budget to show U. S. has saved millions.

**LOS ANGELES**—Mystery death at Long Beach.

**WILLINGTON**—To have independent buses.

**ITALIAN**—Army in arms against dry raiders' brutality.

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EXTRA

# POLICE CORNER SUSPECT IN TAYLOR MURDER CASE

## DISMISS JURORS

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—Roscoe Arbuckle must stand trial a third time for alleged manslaughter growing out of the death of Virginia Rappe.

District Attorney Matthew Brady announced this afternoon in a formal statement that it is his "manifest duty" to bring Arbuckle to trial a third time because the jury in the second trial which reported a disagreement today, stood ten for conviction and two for acquittal.

At the first trial the jury had disagreed, ten to two in favor of acquittal.

Brady's statement said: "The prosecution has conducted this case as it would any other case. The attitude of the district attorney has been that of a prosecutor and not of a prosecutor."

"The jury obviously was governed in its deliberations by the evidence and in the end tried to arrive at a verdict based on the evidence solely."

**Jury Is Guide**  
"In spite of my own personal convictions my intention has been to be guided by the opinion of the majority of the jury."

"Had that majority been for acquittal I would have asked the dismissal of the case."

"As the jury stood ten for conviction, it is my manifest duty to try this case again."

While the defense had issued no formal statement it was stated informally that Arbuckle would be ready to go to trial again "Monday if they want to."

The jury in his second trial after more than 40 hours of deliberation, came into court at 11:30 a. m. today and reported a disagreement. The deadlock vote was 10 to 2 for conviction.

The jury was discharged immediately after the report was read by the foreman.

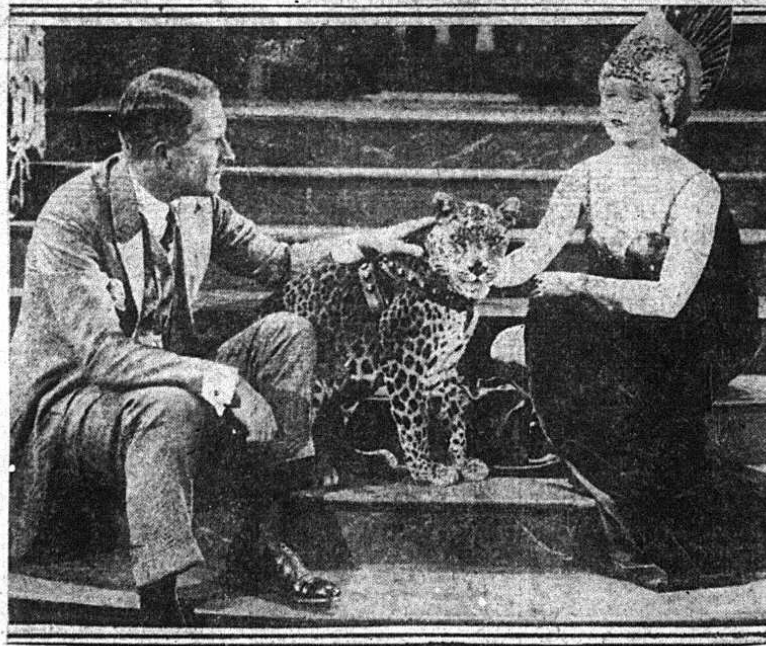
Jurors Clem R. Brownberger and Lee Dolson, both San Francisco business men, were the two who stood in favor of acquittal. It was learned after court adjourned. On the first nine ballots taken the vote stood nine for conviction, one for acquittal and two blank. From the tenth to the 14th ballots the vote was ten to two for conviction.

Immediately the rumor went round that the majority had been for acquittal, and excitement reigned as Bailiff McGovern announced that the ballot was ten for conviction and two for acquittal.

This was later confirmed by Juror Nate Friedman, who stated that 14

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## Latest Photo of Slain Film Man



Here is the last picture ever taken of William D. Taylor, murdered movie director. It's a "still" taken on one of Lasky studio sets for "The Green Temptation," in which he directed Betty Compson several weeks ago. Miss Compson is the girl on the other side of the leopard. The big cat was used in the production.

## SECOND POPE VOTE FAILS

By United Press.

Rome, Feb. 3.—The second ballot of the sacred college for a successor to Pope Benedict XV was unsuccessful this afternoon, a puff of smoke from the chimney of the Sistine chapel indicated to the world. The smoke issued from the chapel chimney late this afternoon and waiting crowds dispersed, knowing there would now be no result of the cardinals voting before tomorrow.

Reports from Naples of the arrival of Cardinal O'Connell, received here today, were later said to be incorrect. The American cardinal cannot arrive before Sunday.

## FULLERTON STAR JOINS CENTRE

John Hawkins, football star of Fullerton Junior college, has decided to enter Centre college next year. It was learned today Hawkins played halfback on the 1921 Fullerton eleven.

Hawkins comes of a football family. His brother, Art, was one of the best gridiron athletes ever turned out at Fullerton and they played high school two years ago.

## Tia Juana Entries

First race, 5 1/2 furlongs:  
Angela ..... 110 Dewey Field ..... 112  
Bittern ..... 110 Indian Prince ..... 112  
Caudrona ..... 110 Jay Mac ..... 112  
Country ..... 112 Kinoma ..... 110  
Crem ..... 110 Tom Craven ..... 112  
Chippendale ..... 110 Vera's Choice ..... 112  
George C. Jr. .... 108  
Fourth race, 1 1/4 miles:  
Dorothy ..... 110 Master Franklin ..... 108  
Ella Waldo ..... 108 McMurphy ..... 108  
J. D. Suggs ..... 108 Merry Lass ..... 110  
Little One ..... 108 Virginia Girl ..... 110  
Clear Lake ..... 112 Stanley H. .... 112  
Hug Mc ..... 112 You Bet ..... 102  
Fifth race, 5 furlongs:  
Baltic Book ..... 108 Roma Athin ..... 105  
Camacho ..... 105 Rex Terra ..... 110  
Cassidy ..... 108 Ringleader ..... 112  
Harry Stuart ..... 110 Petard ..... 110  
Delira ..... 103 Wise Judge ..... 102  
Dainwood ..... 110 Wolfand ..... 110  
George C. Jr. .... 108  
Lobelia ..... 110 Voeur ..... 108  
Sixth race, 1 1/4 miles:  
Baby Sister ..... 108 Mountain Girl ..... 105  
Baby Cal ..... 110 Pinecrest ..... 102  
Bally ..... 110 Petard ..... 110  
Delira ..... 103 Wise Judge ..... 102  
Dainwood ..... 110 Wolfand ..... 110  
George C. Jr. .... 108  
Lobelia ..... 110 Voeur ..... 108  
Seventh race, 6 furlongs:  
Cassidy ..... 110 Houvers Topas ..... 114  
Don Dodge ..... 112 Minkas ..... 102  
Harry Stuart ..... 110 Rafferty ..... 112  
Harry Burryne ..... 108 Rex Beach ..... 112  
Honest George ..... 112 Thirty ..... 107  
Julius ..... 112 Tom Saunders ..... 107  
Irwin ..... 112

## MAN KILLS SELF IN L. A. OFFICE

Frank Reagan, an employee of the operating department of the Southern California Edison company, shot himself through the temple on the seventh floor of the Edison building, Third and Broadway, at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon.

Reagan died at the Golden State hospital at 2:45.

Reagan was a resident of Monterey, 45 years old. A widow and one child, eight years old, survive him. He was just recovering from a severe attack of grippe. No motive for his suicide has been established.

Reagan has been with the Edison company for three years.

## VETS INVITE HARDING TO S. F.

Washington, Feb. 3.—An invitation was today extended President Harding to attend the annual convention of the disabled American veterans to be held at San Francisco in June, by William J. O'Connor, representing the chapter at San Francisco.

## BELIEVE SOLUTION OF SLAYING NEAR

Detectives admitted late today that they had under surveillance a prominent young man who might possibly be linked with the murder of William Desmond Taylor, prominent motion picture director, who was found shot to death in his luxurious apartments at 404-B South Alvarado street.

The detectives have been watching this mysterious man all day. They would not divulge his name, but said that they were confident that he may have had something to do with the shooting of Taylor. If he tries to leave town, it is said, he will be taken into custody.

An expert gunsmith, whose name was not divulged, has offered his services to Captain of Detectives Dave Adams. He is to take the bullet which was extracted from Taylor's body and by examination tell what kind of a gun was used.

The inquest will be held at 10 a. m. tomorrow, it was announced late today. The inquest was originally scheduled to be held at 1:30 p. m.

Two witnesses, who were questioned today, and said to be very prominent in the motion picture world, declared they saw two men, one of whom answered the description of Edward Sands, loitering about the Taylor home some time before the shooting.

The time of the shooting has been placed at between 7:45 p. m. and 8:15. Taylor's chauffeur told the detectives that he tried to call his employer at 8:15 on the night of the murder, and was unable to get him. He said he assumed that the director had stepped out.

Detectives today were known to be quietly seeking a young New York broker, whose identity is being kept secret, to question him in an effort to bring to light more facts about the murder.

This young man is said to have been prominent in movie society. He is described as a friend of a prominent movie actress.

**Came From East**  
He came from the east, according to the story which detectives are investigating, shortly after the actress returned from a trip to New York, which she made some months ago.

Detectives gave no intimation of what light they believed he might possibly shed on the mysterious slaying.

Who was the big man wearing checkered cap and muffler, who stepped out of Taylor's apartment, glanced around, pulled the door shut and then walked calmly to the alley at 7:50 p. m., Wednesday?

Police believe he murdered the famous motion picture director six minutes after Taylor bid good-bye to Mabel Normand, after walking with her to the curb, where her motor car was waiting.

Mrs. Douglas MacLean, wife of the well-known picture actor, now declares that she went to the door

of her apartment, next to Taylor's, after she had heard a shot. It was then that she saw the mysterious stranger leaving. And, she declares, he was not Edward F. Sands, former valet of Taylor's, who police have been seeking ever since the director was found murdered in his apartment, 404-B South Alvarado street, Thursday morning.

MacLean knew Sands by sight. Mabel Normand insists that her interest in Taylor was only that of a woman who sought the cultural advice of an older, kind-hearted, charming gentleman.

Her photograph was hung above Taylor's desk.

A guest in the Dumas home next to Taylor said he saw two men last Monday night in the court yard. The men, the guest said, went to

## George-Colima Bout Is Off

Talking over the long distance telephone from San Francisco late today, Young George, the middle-weight boxer, called off his bout with Bert Colima, scheduled as the main event at Vernon next Tuesday.

George explained that he had been matched to box Johnny Burns in the main event of the Oakland auditorium show Wednesday night and that Promoter Simpson refused to consent to his boxing Colima here.



# MABEL NORMAND ON STAND AT INQUEST HUNT FOR MOVIE BLACKMAILER FILM STARS JUSTIFY

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### ONE MAN'S -- OPINION --

A FELLOW has a tough time trying to lead a Christian life in Los Angeles.

In a monastery it's different. Locked up, the old Adam had limited opportunities for devilment. But, allowed to roam at large on Broadway, Saint Anthony would certainly leave a different record for posterity.

It's not all promptings of the carnal mind, not at all. It's also the everlasting grind on the temper, the eternal insult of bawling street vendors, the impetuous tread of the flat footed fat heads on your corns, the stink of ten thousand carbon coated motors, the stench of the five thousand imitation perfumes, the dust and the litter, the noise, the clutter and the absence of anything to remind one of truth, love or purity.

It's a darn tough job trying to be a Christian in any town, and few try.

BUT every day at noon, high over the rush and stink, there rings out the chime with its daily hymn. And the teetering girl ahead of you pauses on her high heels and listens for a minute, and her plucked eyebrows pucker, her carmined mouth spreads in an incarnadined smile; she catches the old, old air and goes on again singing softly this anthem.

Somewhere in the depths of her still lingers the scent of clean soap suds, of supper dishes in a home kitchen, of mid-week prayer meeting and an Epworth League social. Maybe she sang in the choir and blushed when a naughty breeze toyed with her formal skirts.

Down in the center of the park the water glistens in the sun. Idlers scatter crumbs from their scanty lunches before the wheeling irradiant flights of pigeons, and the good clean smell of a clean breeze dancing through new washed foliage and over fresh mown sward freshens the spirit.

Man is like the city. In the center of him there is always a bit of a clean green spot where the eternal waters sparkle, and the clean winds of the infinite blow.

### LIFT VEIL OF PAST ON TAYLOR'S LIFE

WILLIAM DESMOND TAYLOR'S past, hitherto a mystery, today stood out in clear outline as a result of information divulged in New York.

The additional light throws into sharper relief the figure of his 14-year-old daughter, Ethel Desmond Taylor, attending school at Marlborough, New York. She is disclosed as a daughter who felt a strong devotion for her father and sorrowed over his separation from her.

Taylor was known in New York, prior to 1908 as William Deane Tanner, a cultured art connoisseur. He was then manager of a prominent Fifth avenue firm of art and antique furniture dealers and had many influential friends.

**Secretly Married**

In 1901 he secretly married Ethel May Harrison, a member of the original Florodora company. A daughter, Ethel Daisy, was born to them. She is now attending a fashionable school on the Hudson.

Seven years after his marriage Tanner suddenly disappeared and he was never seen again.

**VOTING MACHINES OFFERED FOR SALE**

Who wants 50 voting machines, practically new?

Council is to consider their sale next Monday. The machines, which cost the city \$50,000, have seldom been used, and are now stored away. The Greater Los Angeles Improvement association urged that the machines be sold for whatever they will bring.

Crater of an extinct volcano in Java is called the "Valley of Death."

### NEWS DIGEST

**WEATHER**—For Los Angeles and vicinity: Fair to night and Sunday. Frost in the morning.

**LOS ANGELES**

Merchants ask council to extend parking time one hour.

Handits pursue and rob Los Angeles auto in thrilling chase.

Mad dog creates panic at Clearwater. Film stars testify at inquest into murder of William D. Taylor, film director.

Police hunt "Dapper Dan" Collins, alleged gunman, believed implicated in Taylor slaying.

Hunt last of four dry agents charged with torturing man and boy.

Madame's Oberlin makes baby's talk in cell.

Child, 5, witness in bootleg murder trial.

**COAST**—San Francisco—Arbuckle anxious for third trial Monday.

**EAST AND ABROAD**—Detroit—Ford sets new auto price slash record.

Washington, D.C.—Governor Small's trial set for March 6.

Rome—Cast third ballot for new pope.

Detroit—Ford buys Lincoln Motors company for \$2,000,000.

**WASHINGTON**—Arms party winding up affairs in final open session.

**IRENE MUST GO BACK TO FARM**

Pretty Irene Smith goes back to the country today. That was the condition upon which Judge Sherk suspended a sentence to San Quentin prison. He warned her to keep away from the bright lights and to lead a simple life in the future. She pleaded guilty to forging her sister's name to a \$25 check.

### Neva Gerber Tells Engagement to Victim Divorced Film Star Bares Old Romance



Neva Gerber, Divorced Film Star, Who Admits Engagement to Slain Man About Two Years Ago.

ALONG the pictures on the wall of William Desmond Taylor's office at the Lasky studio is a group of three in a single frame showing the beautiful Neva Gerber, former Universal film star.

Miss Gerber, a divorcee, was within the past two years engaged to Taylor. It is reported in the Hollywood film colony. The match was broken off, according to the star, because both Taylor and herself felt it unsuitable.

According to report, the final decree of divorce was granted to Miss Gerber more than a year ago.

For several years Taylor and Miss Gerber had been close friends, it is said.

"I have never known a finer, better man than Mr. Taylor," said Miss Gerber. "He was the soul of honor, a man of exceptional culture, education and refinement, but possessing a reserve which few were permitted to penetrate."

Miss Gerber said Taylor did not have an enemy in the world so far as she knew.

Taylor told Miss Gerber that he had been on several trips to the Klondike. His mother was killed in London during an air raid, the star understood. He always spoke of his daughter as his "child" and was planning, about two years ago, to bring her to Los Angeles.

### HUNT GUNMAN AS MOVIE ASSASSIN

Detectives today focused the spotlight of their investigation upon a man known as "the blackmailer of the century," in an effort to clear up the mysterious murder of William Desmond Taylor, motion picture director, found assassinated in his home at 404-B South Alvarado street, last Thursday morning.

This man, the detectives stated, is known as "Dapper Dan" Collins, alleged murderer and gun totter. In May, 1921, his record shows, he is alleged to have killed a prominent manufacturer in New York under the same circumstances that Taylor met his death. A reward of \$5000 is standing for his arrest.

The man answers, even to the checkered cap, the description of the man seen by Mrs. Douglas MacLean walking away from Taylor's home after the murder.

After the murder in New York the slayer was next heard of in Denmark.

**PLAN WRECKER'S BURIAL**

Funeral arrangements for Walter E. (Red) Lamberston, attempted Southern Pacific train wrecker, were being made today.

**CHINESE AND JAPS TO SIGN TREATY**

Washington, Feb. 4.—The Chinese and Japanese planned late today to sign the Shantung treaty under which China receives back Kiao Chau and the Shantung railroad.

### VALET SOBS ON WITNESS STAND

Before a solemn little company of motion picture celebrities and friends of William Desmond Taylor, witnesses today told a coroner's jury what they knew of the murder of the veteran director who was shot by a mysterious assassin Wednesday night.

The verdict was:

"William Desmond Taylor met his death from a gunshot wound inflicted in chest by person or persons unknown, with intent to kill or murder."

The inquest was held at the Ivy Overholter undertaking establishment, Tenth and Hill streets.

The stars were unimpaired of the battery of cameras that clicked as they stepped off the broad stairway to the inquest chamber.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas MacLean were the first notables to arrive. They sat together towards the side of the room. They were grave and solemn. They spoke to each other seldom, seemingly overcome by the tragedy that had stalked through the home of their neighbor.

Frank Nance, coroner, directed the taking of testimony was occasioned by the failure of some of the witnesses to appear promptly.

Because Miss Mabel Normand did not arrive on time, the undertaker sent a message to her home, notifying her to come immediately.

**SILENTLY THEY GLIMPSE AT BODY**

A solemn quiet overhung the room in which the coroner's inquest was held. People spoke in whispers. There was a spirit of deference apparent to all. Everything was conducted solemnly and quietly.

Velvet curtains hid the swinging door into the chamber where the dead body of Taylor lay.

In the center of this room the body, covered with a silken shroud, rested on an inclined bier. Only his head was visible. Though peaceful and calm, his features showed the kindly strength of the character of the man. His thinning brown hair brushed back over his broad forehead was the only evidence of color. Several of the witnesses tiptoed into the room, gazed at the body for a moment and then silently stepped out.

A delicate scent of perfume tinged the air as Mabel Normand, the star of "Mickey" and "Molly O," took the witness chair.

Mabel was modestly but quietly dressed. She spoke in a low voice, but with a resonance that carried it to the far corners of the old-fashioned undertaking chapel.

"You were acquainted with the dead man?" she was asked.

"I was."

"When did you last see him?"

"On Wednesday evening."

"Where?"

"At his home."

"About what time?"

"I arrived about 7, I think, and

### "DAPPER DON" WANTED FOR MANY CRIMES

By United Press.

New York, Feb. 4.—"Dapper Don" Collins, wanted by the police in connection with the shooting in Los Angeles of William Desmond Taylor, has a dozen aliases and a long criminal record.

Collins, known variously as Joseph Cromwell, Henry Hayes, and by many other names, is sought by the Philadelphia and Atlantic City police for rum running from the Bahamas. His previous crimes range from assault and battery to petty and grand larceny and the badger game.

"Dapper Don" has a record of attacks upon women and of confidence games in which he has swindled women victims. He has been associated with some of the worst criminal gangs in New York and Philadelphia during the past five years.

A man of about 46 years of age, of average height, but thick set, with heavy features and a bulldog jaw, Collins has succeeded in imposing upon his numerous victims by an aggressive, important manner. During the world war he and two pals, disguised as sailors, extorted money from German-Americans.

### LOCK GIRLS UP IN ROOM

Glady's, 17, and Vera, 15, daughters of Fred Portman, Long Beach employe, 1800 Cedar avenue, suffered painful injuries shortly before noon today when a man leaped from behind a door at their home and grabbed the older girl. He declared he'd kill her if she made an outcry. Seeing the younger sister, he bundled both girls into a closet with the parting admonition that he would kill them if they made an outcry.

The two girls stayed in the closet for several hours and then notified neighbors next door.

Police believe the motive was robbery, although nothing was disturbed in the home.

**WANT MIDDLEWEIGHT BOUT**

Hollywood arena is dicker for a big middleweight bout for next Friday, according to Matchmaker Crowley today. He said there was a possibility of Marty Farrell boxing either Gordon McKay or Young George. In the event the middleweights do not clash, Young Brown may be seen against Frankie Confrey or Manuel Asvedo.

**GRIFFITH WINS CUP**

E. Griffith today holds the Class D handball championship of the Los Angeles Athletic club. He defeated Al Davidson in the finals, 21-14 and 21-7.

### Hi. Johnson Dines With Harding; Changes Mind

By United Press.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Hiram Johnson had dinner with Harding last night and today it is reported that he will be a regular and vote for the four-power pact. It also is reported Wilson will not oppose the ratification of the treaty by the senate. An unofficial report at the capital today is that the treaty will be ratified after the usual debate.

### LAST MINUTE NEWS

**TAX RICH FOR BONUS IS PLAN**

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Representative Ramseyer, republican, Iowa, today urged an increase in the inheritance or state tax to provide a soldier bonus fund.

**FOURTH BALLOT FOR POPE IS FAILURE**

By United Press.

ROME, Feb. 4.—The fourth ballot of the sacred conclave, which is seeking to elect a successor to Pope Benedict XV was without result this afternoon.

**INTERVIEW VETS FOR STATE AID**

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 4.—Announcement was made today by Robert F. Smith, secretary of the California Veterans' Welfare board, that 154 veterans, whose applications for state aid under the Farm and Home Purchase act were tentatively approved this week, will be personally interviewed within the next 10 days with a view of final approval.

**CHINA POTENTIAL MILITARY POWER**

"China is potentially the greatest military power the world has ever known. If she should start to arm herself, no combination of other nations could withstand her."

Dr. John C. Ferguson, advisor to the Chinese president, declared that China should not be forced to follow the lead of Japan, in a speech before the City club today.

### Tia Juana Entries

First race, 5 1/2 furlongs:

Caren.....116 No Wonder.....112

Barly Morn.....112 Rosella.....110

Marshall Fligh.....110

Man.....112 Thirty Seven.....111

Miss Krug.....107 Tilted.....111

Miss Krug.....107 Tilted.....111

Second race, 5 1/2 furlongs:

Billy Joe.....109 Myrtle A.....112

Charmaster.....111 Piffle.....109

Cover Up.....102 Quinan.....108

Hot Feet.....104 Ringleader.....108

Known.....107 Velvet.....106

Third race, 1 1/4 miles:

Belarosa.....112 Rhymer.....109

Big Smoke.....117 Shenandoah.....109

Clover Junia.....108 Tom Brooks.....109

Madrona.....109 Termak.....117

Fourth race, 5 furlongs:

Due de Guise.....112 Pueblo.....117

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Jack Lodi.....112 Robt L. Owen.....114

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Breeze.....113 Omend.....98

Clarkson.....108 Regresso.....98

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Shad Conway entry.

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# BAR LAD JURORS IN MADALYNNNE CASE IDENTIFY TAYLOR CASE 'NIGHTIE'

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### ONE MAN'S --OPINION--

A FEW days ago a quiet, honest, clean-living, heart-sore gentleman was shot down in his home in this town.  
Shot down without warning, without apparent reason! Shot in the back; left there, a crumpled heap, beside his desk.  
This man was loved by everyone who knew him. No breath of scandal touched his name. He was adept at his work, a friend to those who vitally needed friendship, the sort of a natural noble man that frequently is portrayed on the screen, but that seldom blesses this tough old world in actuality.  
AND, within a few hours of his death, scandal, gossip, rumor, report, surmise, guessing, backbiting, suspicion and indecent lying have fouled his helpless name.  
Part of this comes through the inability of the officers to catch a clue to the murderer. Much of it comes through the public's proneness to believe the worst. All of it is a disgrace to humanity.  
Every man, woman or child who knew Director Taylor, everyone who had any dealing with him, respected him. Hundreds loved him.  
No man's name was more dearly regarded in this city, and no man's life deserved less the blighting sting of scandal.  
Why then, in the name of decency that keeps dogs from digging up the bones of their dead puppies, cannot this man's name be kept clean by those who live after him?  
NIHIL nisi mortui bonum—or something like that; the old Romans, at least, were gentlemen.  
Given a few more days of this miserable back-biting and the general impression will prevail that Taylor was the criminal, and that somehow there was something scandalous in his allowing himself to be butchered.  
If we can't execute the miserable wretch that murdered him, let us at least refrain from crucifying Director Taylor.

### Scare Man to Death in L.A. Traffic

So frightened when his automobile collided with a truck driven by Fred Brannon, 535 Wall street, A. Gauslin, 1939 West Twenty-third street, died before assistance could be brought to him.  
Police surgeons said that Gauslin was not injured in any way and had apparently suffered a heart attack superinduced by fright. F. D. Butzner, 1630 Union avenue, was in the automobile with Gauslin.  
ARIZONA ROAD  
PARLEY FEB. 8  
Fifteen representatives from Arizona will be present at the chamber of commerce luncheon on Arizona day, Wednesday noon, at the Alexandria hotel. Dr. A. J. Chandler and Senator H. B. Wilkinson will head the delegation coming to discuss the proposed automobile road between Phoenix and Los Angeles. Business men of the city will hear the co-operative plans for building the new highway also explained by George H. Maxwell and Henry M. Robinson.

### NEWS DIGEST

WEATHER—  
For Los Angeles and vicinity—Fair to light and Tuesday. No important change in temperature.  
LOS ANGELES—  
New harbor board row as Kibbe "resignation" goes to mayor.  
Curse commuters slaying of William D. Taylor, film director.  
Newly snowed parties bombard L. A. motorists.  
Glendale man loses foot under P. E. vult.  
Vets get city work in Griffith park.  
Madalynne Obenchain goes on trial for murder at J. Belton Kennedy.  
Governor asks rail board to suspend rate increases granted P. E. and phone company.  
Probe mystery N. Y. death of Florence Deshon, screen actress, well known here.  
Curve commuters castigate one-man shock producers.  
EAST AND ABROAD—  
El Centro—L. A. commission man slain in hotel.  
Reno—Cardinal Ratti elected pope.  
Adoptive name of Pope Pius XI.  
Berlin—Berlin faces water famine as result of railroad strike.  
Rome—New Italian cabinet being formed.  
WASHINGTON—  
Arms parley adjourns.  
Vets in congress have plans to punish George Remond, slacker.  
COAST—  
San Francisco—Arbuckle's third trial set for March 12.

### NEW PANEL IS NAMED

By ELEANOR M. BARNES  
No juror who was on last term's panel will sit in judgment on Madalynne Connor Obenchain, whose trial for life began this morning in Judge Reeve's court. Judge Reeve changed his decision this afternoon when he ordered all persons who had been empaneled prior to January 17, 1922, excused from the box.  
This change of order brought about by the objections of Attorney Rush, counsel for the accused woman, who wished a new panel to try Mrs. Obenchain. This eliminates many talesmen who were called on the Arthur C. Burch case and were not accepted.  
By changing the order from this morning, four women were dismissed. They are: Mrs. Adele Cooney, Mrs. John W. Monahan, Miss Charlene Welch and Mrs. Frank E. Norton.  
In their place came A. Burke, 612 Black building; C. R. Duncan, 2108 East First street; Clarence A. Lyman, of the Security Trust and Savings Bank and R. L. Reeves, of 1938 South Main street. This evens the number of men and women comprising the first twelve talesmen called.  
Mrs. Obenchain looked fresh and rested when she came into court following the noon recess. She was friendly with acquaintances and chattered with her ex-husband.  
State's First Victim  
The prosecution scored its first temporary victory shortly before noon today when Superior Judge Reeve refused to dismiss Alfred Bacon, 412 West Fifth street, Long Beach, from the jury panel following a strenuous challenge by Judd Rush.  
Bacon was passed for cause despite his statement that he had a fixed opinion in the Kennedy-Burch-Obenchain murder mystery. He admitted it would take strong evidence to remove this prejudice, but he was passed for cause.  
Harry Hammond Beall, first talesman called, was excused because he did not believe in the death penalty in circumstantial murder cases.  
The first box of prospective jurors tallied with the final selection of jurors in the Arthur C. Burch case when two men and 10 women were drawn.  
Bacon, a bald-headed and middle-aged man with a firm jaw and quick answers, was followed by Mrs. F. J. Holmes of 5429 Carleton way. Mrs. Holmes said that she would vote for conviction in the event that circumstances warranted. She was passed for cause.  
Farmer's Wife  
Mrs. Della Berryman, a farmer's wife, from Downey, was the next prospective woman juror. Attorney Judd Rush, heading the battery for the defense of Mrs. Obenchain, in a sarcastic tone asked Mrs. Berryman if her convictions were strong enough to have her hold out for the acquittal of the defendant despite intimidations or criticism by the district attorney.  
Mrs. Berryman, who is a buxom, determined looking woman, sat straight in the jury chair and said: "I certainly would."  
Mrs. Ida Knapp, 1006 Golden Gate avenue, was the next prospective.

### On Trial



MADALYNNNE OBENCHAIN



A. F. McDONALD J. R. RUSH  
Attorneys for Madalynne Obenchain.

### BANDITS' BULLET PROVES FATAL

By United Press.  
Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 6.—Charles A. Faus, vice president of the Smith-Paus wholesale drug company, died at Holy Cross hospital today as the result of bullet wounds received Friday night when two bandits entered his home.  
The reward offered for the arrest and conviction of the murderer has been increased to \$2500.  
Two bandits rang the door bell at the Faus home and forced the maid to walk backwards to the dining room, where the family was at dinner. Mrs. Faus begged the robbers not to search a certain room as her mother lay there ill. Faus arose to add his protests to those of his wife. As a matter of habit he thrust his hands into his pockets. One of the bandits opened fire and Faus fell, shot through the stomach.  
OTHER BOUQUETS  
CARRY SILENT MESSAGE  
Back of the little bouquet of white hyacinths that graced the casket there may be another of those vague and delicate school girl romances that add color to modern life. She was only a slip of a girl. Somewhat timidly she left the automobile across the street from the undertaking establishment, hurried up the steps and left her floral tribute at the door.  
Beside the hyacinths lay a single English rose to which was attached a card signed "Louis Emmmons" and bearing these words: "The English cap lies at the base."

### REFUSES DANCE AS CHURCH AID

By United Press.  
Denver, Colo., Feb. 6.—Winning youth through the lure of the dance holds no inducement for the Rev. James Thompson, pastor of the Grand Avenue Methodist Episcopal church here. Last Sunday Frank Rice, investment broker, spoke from the same pulpit and advocated weekly dances in the church to win young people from public dance halls.

### WANT BABE RUTH TO DRAW CROWDS

By United Press.  
New York, Feb. 6.—Repeal of the anti-barnstorming rule which caused the suspension of Babe Ruth is expected to be one of the important moves made at the meeting of the American League next week in Washington. Rumors are also going around that the club owners may ask Commissioner Landis to cut down the suspension of the swat king as the whole circuit is expected to show a shortage at the gate when he is out of the game.

### Professor of Movies!

Berlin, Feb. 6.—A chair has been established in the Berlin Technical High School for cinema technology. Professor Karl Forch will be the first movie teacher.

# DETECTIVES SEIZE SILKEN NIGHTIE

A woman's night gown—a pale pink garment of silk, trimmed in expensive lace—has suddenly taken an important place in the William Desmond Taylor murder mystery.  
The night gown, which disappeared from Taylor's house the day after the murder of the prominent picture director, has turned up.  
It is in the possession of the police and has been almost positively identified as the property of a certain well-known movie star whose name has not been prominently mentioned in connection with the case.  
The actress is known internationally.  
The laundry mark led the police strongly to suspect the ownership of the nightie, which was kept in a box in a drawer of Taylor's dresser, according to Henry Peavey, negro valet of the murdered director.  
Peavey reported that the article of feminine apparel mysteriously disappeared the day after the murder. It was not until late today that it turned up in the hands of a police detective, who has been working on the case.  
This detective obtained what he declares to be positive identification of the nightie.

### Mary Miles Minter Lays Rose On Dead Friend

THERE'S the breath of roses, Scotch heather and hyacinth in the air where Mary Miles Minter said good-bye to William Desmond Taylor. Crowding by the simple bronze casket to gaze upon the stern, silent face of the dead Canadian soldier and motion picture director, men and women, young and old, little guessed today the affecting drama that had been enacted in the solemn little room off the Overholzer chapel at Tenth and Hill streets.  
It was early Friday afternoon that Miss Minter came to view Desmond's body. She carried a dozen Black Prince roses intertwined with ferns. As she saw the beloved form upon a couch she burst into tears and asked the friend who was with her to leave the room. The door closed behind him and for a few brief moments she was alone with Taylor.  
EYES OVERFLOW AS SHE GAZES AT BODY  
When Ivy H. Overholzer, funeral director, opened the door a little later she was standing bowed over the body, her tears falling upon the gray silk robe in which it was clothed.  
Turning to the mantel upon which she had placed the roses she drew forth a single bud and laid it across Taylor's chest. Then, sobbing her grief, she left the room and was driven away in her car.  
Miss Minter's roses bore no card. Today slightly withered, but still fragrant they adorned a green vase upon a mantel near the bronze casket. Underneath the casket was a spray of American Beauty buds and Scotch heather sent by Mabel Normand. Attached was a plain little white envelope containing a card upon which the star had written her name.

When shown a picture of Taylor, Mrs. Ketcham said that although she had not seen Tanner since his marriage to her niece, the picture bore a resemblance.  
New York, Feb. 6.—New Yorkers who knew William Deane Tanner when he was here said he had a brother, Dennis, who married a Miss Brennan.

### AGED CO-WORKER PAYS HIS RESPECTS

Among the callers this morning was H. E. Stockwell, 237 North Grand avenue, way and slightly bent under his 73 years.  
"I worked for him," he said looking at the form in the casket. "He was a fine man. Four years ago I played the part of a minister presiding at a mission meeting in the slums in Kathryn Williams' picture, 'Out of the Wreck.'"  
Under the dead director's name the motion picture directors' association has pressed in the bronze casket the simple phrase, "Our Big Brother." There are two blue chevrons on the left sleeve of the captain's uniform. The head rests on a soft pillow of silk. The military cap lies at the base.

### Thinks Killer Shot From Hip

WILLIAM DESMOND TAYLOR was killed by a gunman who fired from the hip, Taylor was leaning forward at the time and the bullet naturally took an upward course.  
This is the theory of Major Maurice Campbell, designated by motion picture directors to look out for Taylor's interests.  
Major Campbell flouted the idea that the fatal shot was fired by a person kneeling.  
Illinois has the longest river frontier of all states.

### WAS THERE ONLY ONE "TANNER"?

By United Press.  
Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 6.—Mrs. John Ketcham today declared that William Desmond Taylor, slain film director, married her niece, Ada Brennan, in 1906.  
"There can be no question about Taylor's right name. It was Deane-Tanner," she said. "Ada met him when attending school in New York. A few months later they were married. Two years later a daughter was born to them. She was called Alice."  
Shortly after their second child was born Ada was reported to have had a touch of lung trouble. Tanner took her to a sanitarium, paid her rent a month in advance and disappeared.

"Ada later went to Monrovia, Cal., according to Saturday's dispatches, was paid \$50 monthly by a man known as Taylor."  
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### LAST MINUTE NEWS

PAULINE FREDERICK GETS MARRIED  
Pauline Frederick, motion picture star, today admitted that she was married secretly in Santa Ana Saturday night to Dr. Charles Alton Rutherford, wealthy physician of Seattle. She gave the name of Blanche Libbey, when married.  
The Rev. F. T. Porter, of the First Christian church, performed the ceremony at his home between 10 and 11 o'clock Saturday night. The actress was not recognized here under her true name. She formerly was the wife of Willard Mack, actor and playwright.  
BELIEVES TAYLOR WAS ENGINEER IN LOUISVILLE, KY.  
After looking at a picture of William Desmond Taylor, murdered movie director, in a newspaper today, Dr. John R. Silverthorn, Long Beach physician, remarked that he was the living image of W. D. Taylor whom he knew in 1901 in Louisville, Ky.  
DOUGHERTY TAKES UP NEW WORK  
SACRAMENTO, Feb. 6.—Edward A. Dougherty, newly appointed commissioner of corporations, took up his duties at his Sacramento office today. The new commissioner announced that the policy of the department will be practically the same as it was under Commissioner E. C. Bullock.  
UNIDENTIFIED MAN, 50, SHOOT'S SELF  
Believed to have been despondent over ill health, an unidentified man about 50 shot himself through the head in a rooming house at 237 East Second street. His body bore the marks of an operation. Police surgeons say he will die.



# MURDER SLAYER HIDES IN L.A. MABEL NORMAND COLLAPSES!

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## ONE MAN'S --OPINION--

OUT on Sunset avenue there is a fatherly policeman who puts in part of his days being mother hen to several hundred child chicks.

Through the maze of darting traffic this big cop ushers his school charges. He guards them at recess, he leads them across the boulevard at noon, he welcomes them after lunch, he guides them in the late afternoon.

Sometimes he stands in the center of the street and holds up traffic while streams of children cross, but mostly he takes a tot in each hand and crosses the avenue.

THIS officer loves children, he is a big brother to the boys and a father to the girls, and he is implanting in these youngsters a love for the law and its authority; implanting it because he serves in kindness and with patience.

This officer may not be much of a thief catcher; as a moonshine hound he might be an utter failure, but he is doing with love a most important job and he deserves public esteem.

Slowly we are discovering that the work of a modern police department is so complicated, and that so many sorts of men are needed that special training of men for special duty is imperative.

It takes one sort of man to be a successful detective; it takes an entirely different sort of man to be a traffic officer, and a still different one to be a motor cop, and another sort to rule Chinatown.

Consider the job of handling traffic for eight hours at Seventh and Broadway. Eight hours on your hot feet; eight hours of tense attention; eight hours of battling with greedy delivery boys, and smart aleck messengers, and dumb-headed rural drivers, and dead-from-the-feet-up star gazers; careless people, flip people, dangerous people; stand in one spot all day in the sun and smile at the end of it; that's the job of a traffic officer and few are good enough, or strong enough, or even tempered enough to serve the public in this hard way. And the pay is as meager as public approval is infrequent.

## ALL MAN JURY MAY PASS ON MADALYNNE

Madalynne Obenchain will probably have a man jury to sit in her judgment.

The state exercised five of its 10 challenges and the defense has used but four of the 20 challenges allowed by law in selecting a jury. Seven men are tentatively sitting in judgment of Mrs. Obenchain Tuesday afternoon.

At the present the jury consists of R. L. Reeves, Mrs. Matilda Gilmer, Mrs. W. C. Bain, Mrs. George R. Murdock, Clarence A. Lyman, Mrs. Edith A. Hamilton, W. L. Stewart, L. S. Gillhausen, R. P. Steins.

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### NEWS DIGEST

**WEATHER**—For Los Angeles and vicinity—Unsettled weather tonight and Wednesday, with possibly showers.

**LOS ANGELES**—

L. A. fireman fatally injured in fall fighting flames.

Four badly hurt in one-man car collision.

One dead, four hurt in F. E. motor car wreck at Santa Monica.

Hundreds file past bier of William Taylor today, and studies close for funeral of murdered director.

Cigarette stub is clue in Taylor murder investigation.

Arrest of man suspected of being Edward F. Sands, missing ex-secretary of Taylor, is expected today in Carlin, Nev.

Label Temple mortgage to be burned in fall.

Kilobe resignation void, city attorney to rule.

Taylor lives on 20 cents a day; wife dead of silicosis.

Renew battle to secure jury in murder trial of Madalynne Obenchain.

Special privilege entrenched in Congress to C. H. Randall in Los Angeles.

**EAST AND ABROAD**—

Jackson, Miss.—Start move to impeach governor.

Richmond, Va.—Four dead, many hurt in Paris—Madame Curie, discoverer of radium, is elected member of French Academy of Medicine.

Chicago—Price war against Ford opens.

Richmond, Va.—Fire dead, 21 missing in hotel fire.

London—Cardinal Marshall reported to have died in Rome of influenza.

**WASHINGTON**—

Handling stops work on Pacific ocean certification.

May tax gasoline to raise funds for Congress to reduce army to 100,000 as result of arms parity.

## Image of Missing Tanner Why Did He Disappear?



MURIEL TANNER, aged 13, is the only clue which detectives have to follow in the search for Dennis Deanne-Tanner, brother of William Desmond Taylor, murdered picture director.

Tanner is being sought to throw light on the mysterious past of the slain man. But his divorced wife, Mrs. Ada Deanne-Tanner, who lives in Monrovia, has not one photograph of the man who so mysteriously disappeared in New York state in 1912.

Muriel, however, is the living image of her father, according to the mother. There is one other daughter, Alice, 11 years old.

The missing brother very much resembled the man who was killed. Both brothers left their wives completely out of sight.

Mrs. Tanner, wife of Dennis, came to Los Angeles for her health. Here she obtained a divorce from the husband, who deserted her. When she saw a motion picture called "Captain Alvarez," in which William Desmond Taylor played the title role, she recognized the actor as her brother-in-law.

She went to the Lasky studio and sought an interview with him. Taylor denied that he was Tanner, brother of her husband.

But about a year ago when Mrs. Tanner was in hard circumstances, she wrote to Taylor, explaining the situation and asking him to help her find her missing husband.

Taylor replied in a courteous letter, stating that he had not seen or heard of her husband for 14 years, but that he would help her financially. From that time on he sent her a check every month with a note. Mrs. Tanner would answer the note and that was the only

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# THOUSANDS AT FUNERAL

The slayer of William Desmond Taylor may be in custody before nightfall, and he will not be Edward F. Sands.

This was the startling prediction made today by Deputy Sheriff Harvey Bell, one of the county officers working on the murder mystery.

Bell declared the police theory that fixes the murder on Taylor's former secretary to be erroneous. Sands had nothing to do with the crime, according to the deputy.

"The man who killed Taylor is right here in Los Angeles," declared Bell. "Before night we may have action on the murder."

The county investigators are working on the theory that a woman is at the bottom of the murder of the prominent picture director, Chief Deputy Al Manning, in charge of the investigation, confirmed Bell's statement to this effect.

Clues provided by a letter and a piece of moving picture film were being investigated late today. The letter was received by Arthur Keetch, assistant state attorney general. He turned it over to the district attorney's office.

The writer told of overhearing excited conversation between four men in two automobiles, which were standing at Second street and Bunker Hill avenue the night of the murder. One of the motorists wore a muffler.

The informant overheard one of the men say: "Now that we've got him we'll have to run like hell!"

Guards surrounded the home of Mary Miles Minter, prominent film star and close friend of Taylor, Tuesday.

Captain David L. Adams and the squad of eight police detectives who are working on the mystery, scattered to various parts of the city following a conference. They were working on a number of clues, any one of which may develop into something tangent.

Before the detectives left police headquarters they subjected Henry Peavey, Taylor's negro valet, to another questioning, but the valet was unable to tell them anything new.

The four private detectives, who guarded the home of Mary Miles Minter on North Hobart boulevard, shooed all visitors away. They are supposed to have been hired by Miss Minter.

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### BLOCK ACTION ON PARK BILL

Washington, Feb. 7.—The action of Congressman Curry of Sacramento in objecting to use of "Roosevelt" in the title Roosevelt Sequoia national park resulted in temporarily holding up the passage of the bill as Barbour of Fresno had asked unanimous consent thinking the entire house was in sympathy with the measure. The bill carries no appropriation and the park is next to Yellowstone in size. It will be one of the greatest in America, containing 1100 square miles, having the biggest trees, the greatest canyons and the highest waterfalls in the country.

National Superintendent Mather is sponsoring the bill and felt it would be a great advertisement for California.

Stanford University, Cal., Feb. 7.—Definite announcement that the slender running track, which will be built in the new Stanford stadium, cannot be completed until next year, was made here today. The cinders to be used in its construction are being imported from the east and the total cost of the track is now estimated at \$13,000.

### N. Y. MEN NAMED FOR GERMAN POST

Washington, Feb. 7.—President Harding sent the following nominations to the senate today: Ambassador to Germany, Alanson B. Houghton, New York. To be minister to Portugal, Fred M. Dearing, Missouri, now assistant secretary of state. To be minister to Costa Rica, Roy T. Davis, Missouri. To be minister to Austria, Albert H. Washburn of Massachusetts. To be minister to Hungary, Theodore Bronsteno of Illinois.

## Simplicity Marks Last Tribute to Film Director

TO the solemn strains of an organ march the body of William Desmond Taylor, slain motion picture director, was borne slowly from St. Paul's pro-cathedral late Tuesday afternoon and before the gaze of curious thousands placed in a grey automobile hearse in which it was carried to the Hollywood cemetery.

As the procession left the church, Dean MacCormick and an assistant were in the lead. They were followed immediately by the guard of honor of the Overseas' club members of the motion picture directors' association. The services in the church were severely plain.

"Death is swallowed up in victory," rang a voice from the chancel.

"Oh death where is thy sting? Oh, grave where is thy victory?" The words drew low sobs from scores of Taylor's friends seated in the forward section of the auditorium.

A male quartette sang, unaccompanied, "Abide With Me."

Dean MacCormick read the ritualistic ceremony and prayers, scores of members of the film colony listening on their knees with bowed heads.

Because of the dense crowds on Olive street the procession experienced considerable difficulty in getting under way toward Eighth and Olive where the marching soldiers were to enter automobiles for the trip to the cemetery.

Thousands Turned Away  
Thousands of men and women stormed the church door for entrance but were turned away. They gathered in the street blocking the sidewalks and street car traffic and formed a solid ring along the edge of Central Park.

Among members of the motion picture colony who sent flowers were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. By-ton, Julia Crawford Ivers, Taylor's scenarist; Dustin Farnum, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray, Ethel Clayton, Miss Helen Dunbar, Mack Sennett, Antonio Moreno, Wallace Reid and Dorothy Davenport, Bebe Daniels and scores of others.

Henry Peavey, Taylor's colored valet, was at the church at noon wearing a black and white checked suit. He stopped motionless, his eyes upon the casket. Beside him was J. J. Larkin, a white friend, who said he had come to comfort Peavey.

In the aisle near the flag draped casket was Taylor's manuscript desk.

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## LAST MINUTE NEWS

**FRIENDS SUPPORT FILM STAR**

Mabel Normand collapsed as she passed the casket in which lay the form of William Desmond Taylor, slain film director, at St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral late Tuesday afternoon.

The bronze casket bearing Taylor's form was moved to the church porch, where friends were permitted to view the remains.

As Miss Normand looked upon the silent face of the dead director, she wept hysterically and had to be led away by friends.

Henry Peavey, Taylor's negro valet, was also near the verge of collapse.

**WORK OUT DETAILS OF COAST MERGER**

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Details of the proposed \$30,000,000 shipping combine of the Pacific coast will be worked out at a meeting tomorrow afternoon at the shipping board. Herbert Fieischaker of San Francisco, sponsor of the merger, and the representative of the business interests of all the Pacific coast cities, will meet Chairman Lasker and other board officials in executive session.

**RUNAWAY GIRL FOUND INJURED**

By United Press.

GLENDAL, Cal., Feb. 7.—Declaring that she ran away from home in Los Angeles, a 15-year-old girl, who gave her name as Betty Marsh, lies in the Glendale sanitarium here with both legs injured. She was found on the sidewalk early today in a dazed condition. On her recovery she told a tale of assault in an attempt to rob her of a ring. She refused to tell anything further about herself.

## HELP THE GOVERNOR OUST RAIL BOARD

GOVERNOR STEPHENS has asked the state railroad commission to grant complete new hearings on the Los Angeles phone and car rate cases, and in the meantime to seek some way to reinstate the old rates. Governor Stephens has done right. Incidentally he has entrenched himself in the esteem not only of the Southland, but of the mass of the people of the entire state.

What a damning indictment of the commission! It means simply that in the court of the executive's opinion the commission has been faithless to the people and recreant to its trust. It means that the people of the Los Angeles district and The Record have been right in the governor's opinion in the desperate fight against the rate boosts. It means more. It means the system should be changed. Theoretically the governor is responsible for the commissioners, his appointees. They are supposed to do his will. But he has no power over them. He has now done all he can do. He cannot force their resignations in order that he may put in men who will represent his views.

By his letter Governor Stephens really endorses the fight to change the system. Two things should be done.

The commissioners should be made appointive for no set term but at the will of the governor—that is, subject to dismissal whenever they fail to live up to his expectations. All appointive officers should be made subject to the recall. Initiative petitions calling for these two constitutional amendments should be put into circulation at once.



# SANDS REPORTED FOUND!

## TWO MORE MOVIE STARS ARE QUIZZED!

### FIRE SWEEPS U. S. TREASURY

#### ONE MAN'S --OPINION--

THE average cit may have a lot of ideas about the police, but he always has but one idea about the fire lads; they are his rock in the tempest, public benefactors, heroes and gentlemen.

When you meet up with a cop usually one or the other of you is peeved, but when a fireman gets on the scene he is there to save you, or the house, or the family jewel case, or the bull pup.

And whatever may be said about the efficiency of the Los Angeles police department, nobody can truly complain of the way the fire department gets on the job.

Yesterday at noon there was a fire in the heart of this town; a fire in an old frame-nest, huddled in among a lot of big buildings that formed a veritable chimney to force the blaze, and in a furnace, through the heaped-up piles of wood, and brick, and masonry; buildings full of gasoline and celluloid, and stored autos, and all the other dynamite that modern man piles about him in his cities.

LET that fire get outside its wooden shell and lives would have been lost. L blocks might have been engulfed, and explosions that would make a battlefield seem a sylvan retreat would rock the entire down-town district.

A few years ago we could not have conquered such a fire under present conditions; but yesterday a few minutes fixed it.

It was at high noon. The streets were jammed with traffic. The sidewalks were cluttered with people. But a dozen heavy pieces of apparatus got on the job almost instantly, without jarring a single star-gazer.

No belching old-fashioned engines, with flames, and fumes, and much noise, and little power; quiet auto engines that hitched onto a hydrant in a few seconds, and that started throwing water like a peevish whale.

ONE engine in the middle of the block on Los Angeles, another across the street, another at the corner of Seventh, one more up at Seventh and Main, another on Main near Sixth; all at their posts and hooked up in a trice; mounted officers, and traffic men afoot, directing traffic around the scene, a square block shut off from the town and its private grief taken in hand without excitement, racket or hesitation.

In a few minutes this hot little blaze was checked, a tinderbox well affire that was kept in bounds by quick work.

Nice co-ordination, gentlemen of the helmet and the red chariot. Nice work police! A thrill for the noon hour loafers, a demonstration of efficiency, and a fire trap saved for another day!

So long as we persist in allowing such hazards in the center of town, so long should we offer up thanks to a providence that gives us fighters of fire without fear, without hookworm, and without political philanderings.

#### Kennedy To Be First Obenchain Case Witness

Scores of men and women stood before the hall of justice in the pouring rain of a mad effort to get into the courtroom where Madalynne Obenchain is on trial for her life.

They jostled and crowded each other laughing and talking about the guilt or innocence of the fair defendant who is charged with slaying her sweetheart, Belton Kennedy. The congregation outside the justice hall was precipitated by the statements of defense and prosecuting attorneys that the trial would actually start Wednesday afternoon if possible. The process of selecting a jury dragged out late, despite efforts of attorneys on each side to hasten it.

E. G. Curtis was excused from jury duty because he could not conscientiously inflict the death penalty. Likewise Mrs. A. J. Hunt of Glendale, was challenged because she believed circumstantial evidence not sufficient to exact the death penalty. M. Holbrook, of Whittier, was next placed in the box.

Among the spectators at the afternoon session was Antonio Moreno, moving picture actor, who showed a keen interest in the Arthur C. Burch trial recently.

Mrs. Obenchain seemed refreshed when she returned from luncheon. She said she enjoyed a "whole squab and an artichoke."

Kennedy to Testify First

When J. D. Kennedy, irate vindictive and sorrowing father—robbed of his only child by an assassin's deadly thrust in the back—takes the stand, one of the most sensational scenes in the annals of Los Angeles court cases is promised. He will be one of the first of the large battery of witnesses called by the prosecution to testify against Madalynne Obenchain.

For Kennedy, senior, an ancient enemy of the woman on trial for complicity in the murder of his son, will attempt to picture Mrs. Obenchain as a woman scorned. This was indicated Wednesday when it was learned that the prosecution intended to place Kennedy on the stand immediately following Dr. A. F. Wagner, county autopsy surgeon.

Although efforts were being made to rush the selection of jurors, diffi-

culty was experienced in obtaining those who have not formed an opinion because of widespread publicity given the murder case.

Mrs. Grace T. Bishop, 1440 Magnolia avenue, wife of a salesman, created a sensation in court this morning when she testified that she had seen Kennedy shoot his way out of the justice hall.

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#### NEWS DIGEST

**WEATHER—**  
Fair Los Angeles and vicinity—Rain tonight and probably Thursday.

**LOS ANGELES—**  
City attorney to score Western Union's grab of city streets.

Sculptors neglected by city exhibit marveled at Exposition park.

Secretary Denby at Washington backs San Pedro Navy base site.

Police charge Taylor murder clues are "covered up."

Council miscues on plan for incinerating plant.

Call first witness in Obenchain murder trial Wednesday.

Bandits hold up Standard Oil station at Santa Barbara and Figueroa fifth time.

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## NIGHT WIRE EXTRA

### HUNDREDS OF GIRLS FLEE FROM BUILDING

\$100,000 Damage Is Done By Blaze—Records of Palo Alto Soldier Hospital Destroyed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Fire which broke out suddenly on the roof of the United States treasury here late today destroyed priceless government records and burned a large hole in the roof of the historic structure.

After an hour's strenuous fire fighting, firemen had the blaze under control and at 4:30 p. m. it was virtually out.

Hundreds of girl clerks rushed out in a panic. Some were scratched and bruised in their frantic efforts to escape.

Clouds of smoke poured forth, the wind sweeping them toward the White House.

The treasury, the vaults of which are packed with millions of dollars of currency and gold and silver bullion, is in the heart of the nation's capital and all the fire apparatus in the city was summoned to the scene.

Embers from the burning roof soon began to drop into the interior court of the building.

At first firemen had considerable difficulty in getting water to the roof. The tar paper being used to cover the roof seemed to make the fire burn more rapidly.

A huge crowd soon collected and police quickly threw a cordon around the building.

President Harding noticed the blaze from the White House office and went out into the backyard of the executive grounds to watch the efforts of the fire-fighters.

Firemen made strenuous efforts to prevent the flames from reaching the chemical storeroom—the test room of the prohibition department, where explosive chemicals are kept.

**Torch Starts Flames**

The fire, breaking out suddenly on the roof of the historic structure, apparently was started by a gasoline torch of workmen engaged in building another roof on top of the building.

The fire quickly ate its way through the new construction on the roof and into a room where valuable blueprints of proposed ex-service men's hospital and other buildings were destroyed.

At 4 o'clock firemen succeeded in getting two streams of water to the blaze, but tar paper and other wood was burning.

Most of the structure is heavy stone, but the new floor being built on the roof was largely of wood.

**Money Not In Danger**

None of the billions of federal currency and bullion was said to be in danger, as these were kept in vaults, virtually underground.

Guards were immediately thrown around the money and bullion vaults.

The damage to the building will be slightly less than \$100,000, William Brady, superintendent of the building, said. Treasury department officials stated the loss in valuable government records, blueprints and the like is incalculable.

For more than half an hour the blaze burned fiercely while firemen struggled to put hose up long ladders to the roof of the structure.

**Confusion Reigns**

The building and the surrounding streets were a bedlam of confusion as the hundreds of government clerks in the building rushed through the corridors. No reports had been received of serious injuries.

The fire started from overheating of a vat of pitch by workmen engaged in building a superstructure on the roof to save the department more room.

### VERNON, ANGEL WAR LAUNCHED

Tigers Demand Hearing On Territorial Rights.

A dispute of many years' standing between the Los Angeles and Vernon clubs will be settled by directors of the Pacific coast league within the next 30 days. It was learned today that Vernon has filed formal notice with President W. H. McCarthy for a hearing on the territorial rights of the local teams.

At the last directors' meeting, a resolution was passed instructing McCarthy to call a meeting within 30 days of written application by either Los Angeles or Vernon. The Vernon demand was mailed yesterday.

Owners of the Los Angeles club have always claimed sole title to organized baseball rights in this city. Under a strict interpretation of the law, they would be entitled to refuse Vernon permission to play within five miles of the city limits.

They would also have the right to demand a percentage of the gross receipts of every game played by the Tigers.

Vernon claims it was promised equal rights when the club was taken into the league. The Tigers were invented to give this city continuous baseball and at the time, it looked as if the second club would be a losing venture.

Plans of William Wrigley, Jr., to construct a \$500,000 baseball plant here and his recent purchase of a site brought the dispute to a head. The Vernon club was not consulted in the purchase of the new ball grounds. It is said.

New electric machine gun discharges bullets at the rate of 20,000 a minute.

### "SHE'S ALL RIGHT," ASSERTS FATHER OF MARY MILES MINTER

By United Press.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 8.—J. Homer Reilly, father of Mary Miles Minter, today read proof of the William Desmond Taylor murder on a Dallas newspaper.

"The little girl is all right; she is not connected with the mystery," is all that he would say.

Mary, whose real name is Juliette Reilly, was born in Shreveport, La., April 1, 1901. She went to New York when she was a little girl and acted with many stage stars. Reilly said he heard from her frequently.

### HOLLYWOOD WILL HAVE BIG BOUTS

Two of the most interesting feature bouts staged here in some time will be staged at Hollywood Friday night, according to Matchmaker Frank Crowley. They are billed as a double main event.

Manuel Azevedo, a high class lightweight, will be given his first chance here against Young Brown, "Spiky" Kelly, hero of many historic ring battles, will make his debut against Gene Cline, local welterweight. Kelly has only lost one decision in his career.

The remainder of the program follows: Frankie Novey vs. Jimmy Dunning, 114 pounds; Kid Wagner vs. Jimmy Dime, 175 pounds; Jack Spar vs. Sailor Ashmore, 138 pounds; Connie Hogan vs. Sailor Hagan, 130 pounds and Frankie Nell vs. Willie Jackson, 120 pounds.

### VERNON FACES ONE HOLD-OUT

For the first time this year, officials of the Vernon club admitted to today that one of their players is a holdout. Secretary Howard Lorenz stated the club is having serious difficulty in signing "Chicken" Hawkes, who was sent here by the New York Yankees.

Hawkes wrote asking for a personal interview with President Ed Maier, but the request has been denied.

"Hawkes is the only man we are having real trouble signing," said Lorenz. "To date, 29 players have returned signed contracts."

### Tia Juana Entries

- First race, 2 1/2 furlongs:
- Al West ... 108 Kimona ... 82
  - Canvaaback ... 111 Marion Fiske ... 102
  - Fitzgerald ... 111 Mike Dixon ... 111
  - Chas. Cannon ... 108 Marjorie Mingo ... 107
  - Grace W. ... 109 Maxine ... 109
  - Josanna ... 104 Sadie D. ... 101
  - Second race, 5 furlongs:
  - Alice Atkin ... 102 Mac Johnson ... 107
  - Clasay Carl ... 107 Mary Day ... 109
  - Dixie Mason ... 107 Bonnie Hogan ... 109
  - Kenward ... 114 The Talker ... 111
  - Letty Rice ... 107 Vera Wood ... 105
  - Miss Clark ... 104 Victory Wren ... 104
  - Third race, 1 1/4 miles:
  - Bay Sister ... 107 Mistress Polly ... 107
  - Boonville ... 112 Rhymor ... 107
  - Big Smoke ... 117 Steve ... 112
  - Donna ... 117 But ... 107
  - Geo. Muehlbach ... 117 Wail. H. Pearce ... 109
  - Mountain Girl ... 105 Termak ... 112
  - Fourth race, 8 furlongs:
  - Reynight ... 112 Nellie Harper ... 102
  - Hai Wright ... 112 Ozymand ... 104
  - Hermosa Negra ... 102 Tom Craven ... 112
  - Nan McKinney ... 109 Vera's Choice ... 108
  - Fifth race, 4 1/2 furlongs, handicap:
  - C. A. Comiskey ... 102 Huron J. ... 118
  - De. Calhoun ... 112 Lady Small ... 96
  - Gen. Agente ... 108 Stuart Suse ... 110
  - "Parsons" entry.
  - Sixth race, 1 1/4 miles:
  - American Maid ... 108 Hanover's Topaz ... 112
  - Andrey K. ... 111 Happy Valley ... 118
  - Duchorn Y. ... 109 White Haven ... 106
  - Chiefmaster ... 108
  - Seventh race, 4 furlongs:
  - Rob Baker ... 112 John Jr. ... 112
  - Clear the Way ... 108 Little Florence ... 101
  - Don Dodge ... 108 Little Runner ... 101
  - Hurricane Lerch ... 109 Label Rite ... 102

### BRITISH SECRET SERVICE TO RUN DOWN MURDERER

BULLETIN

The hunt for the slayer of William Desmond Taylor branched into Arizona late Wednesday when a telegram was received in Los Angeles from a man who claims he saw Edward F. Sands, former secretary of the slain motion picture director, at Lowell on February 4 or 5.

The man who sent the telegram is Walter Peterson, of Tucson, Arizona. The wire was received by Chief Deputy Sheriff Al Manning and turned over to Captain David L. Adams of the police department.

Captain Adams notified the authorities of the Arizona town to hold and question the man who is described by Peterson as looking very much like Sands.

Peterson said he encountered this man in the small town of Lowell, near Tucson. He said that the stranger represented himself as a former machine gunner with the forces of Poncha Villa in Mexico.

He recognized him as Sands, he stated, from newspaper descriptions and photographs of the missing secretary, who is being sought by the police.

Detectives from the district attorney's office are following up a clue that may connect with the William Desmond Taylor murder the name of one of the most prominent men in the motion picture industry.

Movements of the detectives working on this angle of the murder mystery are carefully guarded in order not to harm the man they are observing.

Developments that will result either in an arrest or the elimination of the movie producer's name from the case are expected any hour.

### LAST MINUTE NEWS

LET STADIUM CONTRACT

PASADENA, Feb. 8.—Contract for a modified stadium in the Arroyo Seco here was let today by the Tournament of Roses Association to W. A. Taylor, a local contractor. Under the terms of the contract the stadium is to be completed in time for the University of California and University of Southern California game in October. Taylor's part of the contract will be completed October 1.

Original plans for the stadium called for the expenditure of \$7,000,000.

MAY REORGANIZE PROFESSIONAL BALL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Reorganization of professional baseball may result from the refusal of the five minor leagues to accept the draft system, according to opinions expressed at the meeting of managers, owners and managers of the American here today. Several expressed the opinion that the American Association, Pacific Coast, International, Western and Southern Leagues—the holdouts—should be outlawed.

At present 20 minor league clubs favor the draft, and they have accepted it as it stands.

A request to co-operate with local investigators.

"The consulate can reach any place in the world and have a representative on the scene in short order," said Schauer. This means that officers from Scotland Yard, the famous London police headquarters, may be put to work to solve the murder mystery which is already engrossing the attention of the nation.

**British Arrange Funeral**  
According to Schauer, Ethel Daisy

Tanner has not been attending school at Mamaronck for some time. He said that this information was "old stuff."

Mysterious disappearance of telegrams and letters from Mabel Normand, which she says were kept in a bureau drawer by Taylor, has not yet been cleared up.

Among the telegrams from Miss Normand to Taylor were believed to have been a number sent by the comedienne in Los Angeles in 1919.

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# SANDS BELIEVED SUICIDE! CORONER SENDS FOR L. A. POLICE BODY FOUND IN SAN DIEGO

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## ONE MAN'S --OPINION-- SENNETT ILL, CAN'T TALK

**T**IMES are good, salaries are going up, our underpaid public "servants" are finally coming into their own; I'll say so.

Take now that "public" institution, the Federal Reserve bank of New York. We have one, Ben Strong at the head of this institution and 'way back in '14 he was struggling along on a beggarly \$30,000 a year salary; but he has increased his wage to \$50,000, paid in public money by the taxpayers of the country. One Pierre Jay started with a measly \$16,000 a year but today he gets \$30,000; a Mr. E. R. Kenzel also did well for himself because he started in a few years ago helping Uncle Sam run his bank at a pitiful wage of \$4000 and today he gets \$25,000.

**A**NY time a feller can boost his salary six hundred per cent in a few months, while holding the same job, he is a humdinger.

These are a few typical examples of one reserve bank's pay roll and this money comes from the public, is profit made from high money rates, from restriction of credit, money made by OUR bank from US and ladled out in turn for certain few favored officials.

Meanwhile the men who feed all of us, the farmers, have been unable to borrow money to tide them through the period of depression, a depression in many cases directly caused by the action of these federal banks that restricted credit and hammered down the prices of raw cotton and wheat, etc. Hammered these prices down not only through published pessimistic reports as to over-production and falling foreign markets, but also by tying up credit so that farmers were forced to throw their crops on the market at any price to escape bankruptcy.

Money and banking and finance and credit are all mysteries to most of us; so few men, a few bureaucrats, manipulate national credit and national finance to the detriment of the rest of the nation.

Some time credit will be a governmental function, and some time we will return to the sanity of the ancient Jews and abolish all interest. Paying for dead horses is today ruining the world and drinking up most of the wealth being created, leaving nothing for the needs of new-born millions, who come naked into life, and who largely exit naked therefrom.

## 13th Juror In Obenchain Case Causes Hot Battle

The selection of the thirteenth juror in the case of Madalynne C. Obenchain is causing considerable difficulty. There were 76 taxsmen drawn from Judge Reeve's panel, Judge Shenk's venire, and an effort is being made to use jurors from Judge Avery's court.

However, with O. R. Brewster, dry goods merchant, 1451 Oak Grove avenue, squirming in the thirteenth chair, attorneys for Mrs. Obenchain and the prosecution battled over his admission into the trial.

A rule of the court turns down jurors who served in the panel drawn before January 27. However from Judge Avery's court the taxsmen were called from before the first of the year. Whether they can sit in Madalynne Obenchain's trial is a question being discussed in Judge Reeve's court.

Mrs. George C. DeGarmo and Mrs. W. W. Trapp were excused from the thirteenth jurymen's place because they opposed the death penalty.

Ralph Obenchain came into the hall of justice following the noon recess. Motion picture cameras swamped views of him. A huge crowd gathered about the hall of justice, clamoring for admission to Judge Reeve's courtroom to get a glimpse of the fair defendant.

The jury in Madalynne C. Obenchain's case was selected at noon Thursday. Those chosen to try Mrs. Obenchain on the charge of murdering J. Belton Kennedy are:

Mrs. George W. Murdock, 3811 West Twenty-seventh street; W. L. Stewart, oil man, 1114 Union Oil building; Mrs. Grace Wald, 1250

Leighton street; J. T. West, Glendale rancher; Mrs. Nina C. Battelle, 1516 Arapahoe street; F. W. Crockett, lawyer, 912 New York avenue, Pasadena; L. W. Houghton, Rivera rancher; John F. Stopp, 916 West Thirty-sixth street, retired; Fred E. Munsey, photo supplies, 744 West Sixteenth street; G. P. Swan, 3232 Santa Monica boulevard, a broker; Elden W. Bruce, Whittier rancher; E. Hansell, 3114 North Broadway.

F. W. Stoddard, deputy county surveyor, will be the first witness placed on the stand by the prosecution, according to Asa B. Keyes. He will locate the scene of the tragedy in Beverly Glen.

The next witnesses for the state will be Dr. A. F. Wagner, county autopsy surgeon, who will describe the condition of Belton Kennedy's body when it was found dead on the night of August 6, on the doorstep of his cabin.

Keyes said he did not believe he could place more than two witnesses on the stand today.

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Alcohol has been distilled from the ripe plant in the Philippines at a cost of 20 cents a gallon.

The theory that William Desmond Taylor may have been murdered by a blackmailer, who was trying to recover cancelled checks so as to wipe out evidence that might be used against him, was definitely eliminated Thursday by Public Administrator Frank Bryson.

Bryson said that an investigation of Taylor's checks running back through several years had just been completed by a federal government employee connected with the income tax department and that there were no missing checks.

The complete tally of checks with the stubs indicates that no effort was made by Taylor's murderer to suppress evidence of blackmailing activities, according to Public Administrator Bryson.

Bryson also said that the check probe showed that Taylor had not spent a dollar for insurance.

Efforts to interview Mack Sennett, moving picture producer and employer of Mabel Normand, to ascertain his theory on whether Mabel Normand's visit had anything to do with precipitating the crime, failed Thursday.

**Reported Ill**

"Mr. Sennett has been confined to his bed for the past two weeks with a severe cold," his Japanese servant told a Record reporter late Thursday at the Sennett residence, 141 Menlo street.

**Quit Mrs. MacLean**

Five persons had been examined late Thursday by District Attorney Thomas Lee Woolwine, who took (CONTINUED ON PAGE SEVEN)

## BLUNDERS

Officials Muff Taylor Murder Probe  
Hopelessly For Week: Will Woolwine End Police Chaos?

**SO** many things have gone undone in the investigation of William D. Taylor's mysterious murder in the brilliantly lighted living room of his Alvarado street apartments eight days ago, that the heralded centralization of sleuthing by the district attorney's office comes as a distinct relief after a long list of official blunders.

**BLUNDER NO. 1**

First in the list of blunders was the summoning by detectives of a physician whose lack of thoroughness is evidenced by the fact that he pronounced the death from hemorrhage without examining the body, thus postponing for two hours knowledge that murder had been committed.

**BLUNDER NO. 2**

Second was the failure of the detectives to obtain the physician's name.

**BLUNDER NO. 3**

Third was the wanton destruction of vital evidence—fingerprints of the murderer—by either detectives or curious spectators. The chair that had evidently been

carefully lifted by the murderer and placed over one leg of the dead man must have retained impressions of the criminal's finger ridges—those physical markings that never vary from childhood to death and that never are exactly duplicated in any two human beings. If fingerprints were found lacking at least the information would be obtained that the murderer had worn gloves in careful preparation for the crime. However, this chair was handled by detectives and by perhaps scores of the curious who thronged the house, even while the murdered tenant still lay stretched on the floor. When investigators thought to examine it, the chair was in another room.

Many other objects might have yielded fingerprint evidence—the recently used liquor glasses, for instance.

**BLUNDER NO. 4**

Fourth was the failure of authorities to obtain an accurate and complete photographic record of the scene of the crime as it was when discovered. Official photographs of the room and house

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## Here's Picture Taylor Prized KILLS SELF



This is a prized picture of Mary Miles Minter, whose home is guarded by private watchmen to prevent the pretty movie star from being questioned by "unofficial investigators." Miss Minter, according to her attorney, John R. Mott, is "innocently involved" and is "making every effort to place at the disposal of the authorities any information that will solve the mystery." Love letters written to Taylor on Mary Miles Minter's stationery were found in Taylor's apartments.

**I**t was a lonely little Mary Miles Minter who described William D. Taylor, the murdered motion picture director.

With one satin-slipped foot doubled under her, and her white hands linked about her other knee as she sat on the huge divan in her home the little blonde star said:

"He was so dignified—so austere—so wonderful!"

"Everyone loved dear Old Billy Taylor."

"He was good to everyone."

"I was always happy when I was out with him—which, unfortunately, wasn't very often." The blue eyes of lonely Mary Miles Minter grew moist.

"It wasn't me only that he was good to—he treated everyone that way."

"He didn't have an enemy in the world—I am sure of that. He could only be compared with God—he was so good!"

"Before we went to Europe," said the girlish moving picture star, "I saw a great deal of Mr. Taylor."

"But—after that"—her voice trailed off in silence.

Again she spoke: "After that I mare—how happy I would be!" couldn't get him to go anywhere much. He was so interested in his work. He would bury himself in his apartment for days—yes, weeks at a stretch, when he was working on a new picture.

"I don't believe he ever had a wife. He never told me he had. And our acquaintance was such that I am sure he wouldn't deceive me—no, he wouldn't."

"I cannot believe Mr. Taylor is dead. I pinch myself to wake up—I feel that I am dreaming."

"Oh, that I could wake up and know that I had a horrible nightmare."

**PICK UP BOAT IN DISTRESS**

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—The steamship Hawkeye State, San Francisco to Balboa, reported by wireless during the night that she had picked up the barkentine S. G. Wilder off the Florida coast, waterlogged and dismasted, according to marine advices here.

## LAST MINUTE NEWS

**KIBBLE CHARGES REGISTRATION IS FORGERY**

A flat declaration that his second resignation was a forgery was made late Thursday by Harbor Commissioner O. R. Kibble.

In a letter to Mayor Cryer Kibble states that he has no intention of resigning. "I had received the mayor's 'very surprising letter' included in Kibble's letter is the following: 'It is a second paper of that nature has been handed to you purporting to bear my signature, such signature is a forgery.'"

The harbor commissioner was meeting the efficiency commission in the directors' room of the Pacific Mutual building, late Thursday.

**SAN GABRIEL RIVER BRIDGE GOES OUT AT AZUSA**

The San Gabriel river bridge on the Popple boulevard near Azusa went out with high water from the rains and melted snows, the state highway commission announced late Thursday.

**NAB DOCTOR AS BOOZE BROKER**

Dr. W. L. Baglow, physician, with offices in the Title Insurance building, was taken to city jail by federal agents late Thursday and charged with selling liquor. The dry officers said the doctor explained he "needed the money" and found bottled goods more in demand than prescriptions.



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# Prosecutor Visits Scene of Slaying

And in all the world today there is no other city that so freely offers the young man his chance as Los Angeles.

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# MYSTERY WITNESSES QUIZZED

## FILM STARS FIGHT VICE CHARGE

### To The Prude All Things Are Impure

WE are having another frenzy in Los Angeles just now, and with our eyes wildly rolling we dash here and yon, also hither and thither, seeking what shred of a reputation we may devour.

It has reached such a pass that any time a dog yelps in Hollywood they hear the echo in New York, only by the time it reaches Fifth avenue and Park place it is the roar of a ravening lion mauling the bones of fair maidens in his bestial lair.

Los Angeles, including some of its newspapers and most of its readers, is believing the worst today about the moving picture industry and all connected therewith.

It is silly to lament the unfavorable criticism of

outside editors and preachers and busy-bee reformers, directed at our city, so long as so many of us are busy believing the worst about the rest of us.

There is too darn much gossip about the movies and too darn much lying in Los Angeles; but unless Los Angeles desires a wallow that will kick it back to the tall sticks for a decade this sort of back-biting foolishness must stop.

The Record believes that every crook, panderer, paramour and rascal should get his exact reward, whether he be movie actor, preacher or official.

But The Record knows that there are no more unclean in Hollywood, that there are no more scamps in movieland than there are in any other city, in any other profession in the land; and to damn an entire industry, to bog down in the mire of lying scandal 100,000 decent men and women is asinine, un-Christian, and poor business besides.

### WOMAN GAME IS AS DANGEROUS AS TNT, SAYS BILLY SUNDAY

By United Press.

Spartanburg, S. C., Feb. 11.—“The movie industry will blow up if they all don't clean house. The sad feature is that it's the stars and not the dubs who are getting in bad,” Billy Sunday said here today. “The woman game is as dangerous as TNT. No man ever played with it and got away with it. Woman's eyes have slain more men than poison gas. The devil himself couldn't get Adam to bite until he had his hook with a woman. And they're nibbling ever since. Woman's smiles and her sighs have caused multitudes to ‘strike out’ and they will as long as the human race endures.”

### POISON SALTS FATAL TO THREE

By United Press.

Centralia, Wash., Feb. 11.—Five children of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rhodes at Klaser, near here, died today as result of doses of salts given them this morning by their mother.

The dead are: Verda Louise, 10; Edward Lee, 9; Marie Annabelle, 8; James Oliver, 6; Bernice, 3.

The children went into spasms and convulsions immediately after they were given the medicine and died within a short time. The mother was alone at the farmhouse at the time. All the children died before a physician, summoned from Chehalis, arrived. The mother is prostrated.

### POPE WILL BE CROWNED SUNDAY

By United Press.

Rome, Feb. 11.—Preparations for the coronation of Pope Pius XI, which takes place tomorrow morning at 8:30, were completed today.

The pope's brother, Perno, with his wife, son and daughter and the pope's only sister, Camella, have arrived. They were received with greatest courtesy by the Italian government. Thirty-five thousand tickets have been sent out for the coronation.

### MERCHANTS CONFIDENT

By United Press.

New York, Feb. 11.—Merchants who have thronged to New York from all parts of the country to attend the convention of the National Drygoods association leave today for their home towns confident there will be a return of real prosperity soon.

The sentiment expressed was: “We have done well. We are doing well. We will do much better.” They beam the prosperity smile.

### SENATE COMMITTEE STUDIES TREATIES

Washington, Feb. 11.—The senate foreign relations committee today struggled with the four-power Pacific pact for two hours without reaching a decision. Senator Lodge stated. The committee will resume the discussion next Thursday.

### Tia Juana Entries

- First race, 5 1/2 furlongs:
- Big Snake ... 117
  - Orleans Girl ... 110
  - Chlorophyll ... 117
  - Rosella ... 119
  - Due de Guise ... 112
  - Staffery ... 112
  - No Wonder ... 112
  - Irwin entry
- Second race, 5 1/2 furlongs:
- Art Rick ... 111
  - Joeledorman ... 104
  - Breen ... 109
  - Miss Hilda ... 104
  - Clared ... 104
  - 191 Mike Dixon ... 112
  - Gen. Byrd ... 111
  - Velvet ... 108
  - At Porter ... 111
  - Kitty Cheatham ... 104
  - Brown Bee ... 110
  - Rosa Arkin ... 106
  - Hughy ... 112
  - Tom Caro ... 110
  - Indian Brigade ... 110
  - Walter White ... 110
  - Infantry ... 110
  - Fourth race, 1 mile:
    - Ispham ... 112
    - Nebraska ... 112
    - Phish ... 112
    - Neosha Dale ... 112
    - Lavaga ... 112
    - Plantagenet ... 109
    - Handicap:
      - Frank ... 112
      - Regal Lodge ... 114
      - Brown ... 111
      - Regress ... 110
      - East Indian ... 110
      - Star Realm ... 110
      - Purcell ... 110
      - Yermak ... 112
      - Planet ... 108
      - Seventh race, 1 1/2 miles:
        - Bobby Allen ... 110
        - Louie Lachmond ... 102
        - Frank ... 110
        - Piedra ... 112
        - Frank Fogarty ... 109
        - Verdie Leon ... 104
        - Glenwell ... 102
        - Eighth race, 6 furlongs:
          - Dainty Lady ... 101
          - Review ... 98
          - Den Dodge ... 111
          - Sir John Verme ... 112
          - Gen. Aramonte ... 112
          - Shirley Stop ... 112
          - Orchid King ... 112

### PEAVEY FACES 3RD GRILLING

A mystery witness was injected into the Taylor murder investigation Saturday.

He is Frank P. Britt, machinist employed at the Southern Pacific railway shops.

Britt was brought into District Attorney Woolwine's office Saturday afternoon and closely questioned by Woolwine, Undersheriff Eugene Biscailuz and Deputy Joe Nolan.

The questioning of this new witness was the latest development in the “jealous lover” angle of the murder mystery upon which Chief Criminal Deputy Al Manning and Deputy Nolan were working Saturday in Hollywood.

Great secrecy surrounded the quizzing of Britt, but Nolan gave out the information that the witness was near the scene of the murder when the crime was committed and saw some suspicious characters there.

District Attorney Woolwine intimated that a tangible lead had been uncovered.

Henry Peavey, negro valet of the slain motion picture director, was brought into the district attorney's office late Saturday for the third time to be quizzed about his knowledge of the murder. Undersheriff Biscailuz and Deputy Nolan ushered the valet into Woolwine's presence.

Earlier in the day, the district attorney declared that he had arrived nowhere in his investigation.

Calls Conference

“We are at an impasse,” declared the district attorney. “We have followed all sorts of clues, but not one has led us to anything that would shed one ray of light on the murder.”

Woolwine arrived at his office in the Hall of Records shortly after noon. During the afternoon he held two conferences, one with the police detectives working on the murder mystery and the other with the county officers.

The sheriff's office was working Saturday on a lead that may have an important bearing on the murder. Chief Criminal Deputy Al Manning and Deputy Sheriff Joe Nolan are in Hollywood on this angle of the investigation.

At the sheriff's office it was admitted that Nolan had an important new clue, supporting the jealous lover theory, of the murder.

Results were expected within 24 hours.

The small arms holster found by E. C. Jessurun, landlord of the William Desmond Taylor bungalow, was missing Saturday.

Investigators, who expressed great interest in the holster, were unable to locate it in the Taylor garage, where it was last seen.

According to Mrs. Jessurun, the garage was cleaned out by the garbage man and it is believed that he took the holster with the rest of the rubbish.

Walter Thiele, 25, arrested Friday by Police Detectives Lloyd and Roberts, was eliminated from consideration Saturday, when Captain David L. Adams announced that he had no connection with the murder. Thiele was wanted on suspicion of burglary.

Search Narrows

With the virtual elimination of one important figure in the Taylor case the search for the assassin narrowed Saturday to a few main lines.

One of these is the quest for Edward P. Sands, missing secretary of the slain director, who, many believe, could clear up the mystery.

Another line of effort is devoted to finding among the many jealous admirers of a certain well-known picture actress one who might have done the deed.

The latest investigation by county detectives has virtually eliminated from consideration the scion of a rich eastern family who was known to be insanely jealous of the woman star.

Deputy sheriffs admitted this much. They said the alibi presented

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An average of 130 pounds of salt and 108 pounds of sugar was used last year for each inhabitant in the United States.

### Halt Movies To Draft Protest

“Fair play” for motion picture stars and the industry. This was the impassioned plea issued to the public Saturday by more than a score of the most noted stars and film executives now in Los Angeles.

Halting production on 42 big film productions to meet and draft a statement of protest against the stars being cast upon the industry and its leading figures as an aftermath of the Taylor murder, Charlie Chaplin, Thomas H. Ince, Norma Talmadge, Charles Ray and a score more screen celebrities met at the Ambassador hotel to organize a movie defense.

Sign Statement

The meeting was said to be the greatest array of motion picture stars ever assembled in one gathering. All are members of the Independent Screen Artists' Guild.

Those who signed the statement are: Joseph M. Schenck, Thomas H. Ince, Charles Chaplin, Norma Talmadge, Constance Talmadge, Anita Stewart, Allen Holubar, Richard Walton Tully, J. Parker Read, Jr., Colonel William M. Selig, H. O. Davis, B. P. Schulberg, Colleen Moore, Ben Turpin, Carter DeHaven, Marshall Neilan, Mack Sennett, Louis B. Mayer, Katherine MacDon-

ald, Charles Ray, John M. Stahl, Maurice Tourneur, Guy Bates Post, J. L. Frothingham, King Vidor, Buster Keaton, Dorothy Phillips, Douglas MacLean, Florence Vidor, Hobart Bosworth.

Scuffs at Model Colony

J. D. Williams, general manager of Associated First National, representing 3500 theaters throughout the United States, called the meeting.

In an address to the assembled stars he scoffed at the idea of a “model movie colony” at Mamaroneck advanced by David W. Griffith. Will Hays, the new movie czar, agrees with him, he said, that Los Angeles and Hollywood would continue as the center of motion picture production.

The film stars' statement was in part as follows:

Ask Fair Play

“We do not ask for special favors, but only the American principle up-

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### ONE MAN'S -- OPINION --

TOMORROW is the birthday of the Greatest American. The birthday of that gaunt, homely, tired giant who did his work of making this one nation and then was murdered!

Abe Lincoln, one of the few names of history that still thrills men; a name that embodies all that is ideal in our aspiration, and that carries no hint of weakness!

And what has made the name of Lincoln ever brighter, ever glowing and more warmly in the hearts of men through these hurried years?

Was it his courage, his oratory, his leadership, his cleanliness of character, his vivid mind or his loyalty to his friends? Rare traits all of these in public men, seldom combined in one man, but for none of these is Abe remembered.

Two things have made Lincoln's name a sanctuary for the hopes of the nation; his compassion and his humorous tolerance.

Abe loved men, he loved children, he suffered acutely with the widows of the slain, he kept the white fire of love burning in the murk of a war where brother killed brother with a snarl of hate.

Abe was tolerant. He believed the constitution knew what it was talking about when it solemnly insured us freedom, the right to pursue happiness in our own way.

Love and humility and good humor, charity—indeed, these things reach out and engulf the imagination of men. And above all charity endureth.

Abe Lincoln would not be happy in Los Angeles today. He would not be happy in Washington. The nation has gone a long ways after strange gods of intolerance and hate and suspicion and nasty minded Puritanism since Abe went to his reward.

But the golden memory of Abe Lincoln will glow in the hearts of good men long after the last pussy-footed meddler has gone to the father of lies who begat him.

### 'My Own Story' BY MABEL NORMAND

Film Star Writes Story of Last Visit With Slain Movie Director.

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THIS is my own story of just what happened on the night of my last visit to William D. Taylor, the evening of February 1.

In response to a telephone call left by Mr. Taylor at my home during the afternoon of the day he was killed I stopped at his house between 7 and 7:15 in the evening.

The purpose of my call was to pick up a book which Mr. Taylor had purchased for me that afternoon, knowing particularly that I wanted it. He had already sent one book to my home but had requested me to stop for this one, which I assumed he had purchased later.

Upon my arrival I was let in by Henry Peavey, Taylor's valet, who informed me Mr. Taylor was conversing with someone over the phone. In a few moments after my arrival Mr. Taylor said goodbye to the party with whom he

was conversing and left the telephone.

He greeted me. He had just finished dinner and his man had cleared away the table but he asked me if I would not let him have something prepared for me or go out to dinner with him later. I declined, explaining that I was tired and that I had an early studio call to make the next morning.

SAT DISCUSSING PLAYS HALF AN HOUR

I said that I intended to go home early, have dinner and go to bed. For 25 minutes Mr. Taylor and I sat discussing various books and photoplays.

About 20 minutes to eight, I prepared to start for home. Mr. Taylor walked with me to where my car was parked at the curb.

There was a copy of the “Police Gazette” in the car which he noticed. He chided me for having it

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### 'NO WOMAN IN TAYLOR CASE'

By ELEANOR M. BARNES

“FUND Sands!”

This laconic suggestion of Mrs. J. M. Berger, income tax specialist, is the solution of the William Desmond Taylor murder mystery.

“No doubt of it in my mind,” said Mrs. Berger, a young business woman, with a wealth of bronzed hair, and brown eyes. “Edward P. Sands is the man, I am sure.”

Mrs. Berger opened her mail as she talked about the motion picture director who had called at her office in the H. W. Hellman building just a few hours before he was slain in his bachelor apartments.

Tells of Last Call

“He was here in the afternoon to attend some business,” she explained. “I help not only motion picture folks but many prominent business men on their income tax returns.”

“Had he expressed a fear of Sands?” Mrs. Berger was asked.

“Yes, he had talked about his former valet-secretary's forging his

name, and about the ‘Alias Jimmy Valentine’ note that he had received. “I did not know Mr. Taylor intimately—only in a business way, but I knew some of the most intimate details of his business which I have told to the district attorney in an effort to clear up the mystery.”

Scouts Woman Theory

“I swooned at the inquest. I am sorry I gazed at his body which was the color of his khaki suit. “I do not think there is a woman in the case.”

“Why?” her white hand pointed to a large picture of Mary Miles Minter that was hanging on the wall of her room.

“Of course little Mary loved Mr. Taylor—who didn't? We all loved him. He was one of God's gentlemen, and he was far above the average in politeness and intelligence, from what I saw of him.”

“I had spent many many hours with Mr. Taylor, but I had never

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### NEWS DIGEST

charges against city power projects.

Ty'd burned when gasoline stove exploded.

Woolwine says Mabel Normand makes complete statement, but no new light is thrown on Taylor mystery.

Frank Mayo denies he flew Hollywood morals in New York interview.

Dr. Gustav Bragley, reformer, says Taylor was gentleman and Hollywood morals are no worse than Broadway morals.

Sleepwalker nearly killed by fall from window.

Fifty Japs escape death in fire.

Former attorney attends murder trial of Madeline Oberholt.

Harbor run at \$400,000 loss to taxpayers in 1921.

Storm closes bridges and delays traffic in Southern California.

London's women police cost the city \$150,000 a year, although they have no real authority to make arrests.

Roman catacombs are 580 miles in extent and contain about 15,000,000 bodies.

Indiana—Rail unions to confer with miners on forming new combine.

Belfast—Irish threaten another battle.

LOS ANGELES—

1. A man named U. S. attorney for China.

Municipal league whacks Mushet's

### LAST MINUTE NEWS

VETERANS TO FORCE STATE ACTION

By United Press.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 11.—Action was touched by the Veterans' Welfare board in action here today to get some start out against Ray L. Riley, state controller, to force him to approve claims under the Farm and Home Purchase act.

SET DATES OF FAIRS

By United Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—Representatives of 25 fair associations here today set dates for the fairs throughout the state. The Ventura fair was set for October 1 to 5, and the Riverside fair, October 15.

LEGION OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP

By United Press.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 11.—William C. Wood, state superintendent of public instruction, announced today that the American Legion posts of the state have offered a \$250 yearly scholarship to the school child in California, writing the best essay on “Americanism.”

LOSE \$50,000,000 IN BUCKET SHOTS

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Fifty million dollars, and possibly more have been lost by New York investors in “bucket shop” brokerage firms, Jerome Shinnons, assistant district attorney in charge of the investigation, said today.

### OAKS, SEALS BREAK PACT

San Francisco, Feb. 11.—The playing agreement between Oakland and San Francisco ball clubs has been ended. Announcement was made today by the local club that the Oakland organization has definitely terminated the agreement, which has been in effect for many years.

Hereafter all games scheduled for San Francisco will be played in San Francisco and the Oakland club will not be permitted to play any of its home games in the San Francisco ball park.

Under the old agreement each club collected 20 per cent of the gate receipts for park rental from the other.

President Ewing of Oakland wanted to change the rental proposition to ten per cent of the gate receipts. The local club balked.

And Ewing today made known his determination to go it alone in his own lot.

POSTPONE BALL GAME

The Meusel major leaguers and Alexander Giants game scheduled for this afternoon at the White Sox park, has been called off owing to rain. The game scheduled for tomorrow will be played providing it does not rain after 9 o'clock.







# SAW WOMAN GO

## BOOTLEGGGER TELLS OF TAYLOR MURDER

Keep The White Spot White



# TWO KILLED IN TRAFFIC

## ONE MAN'S OPINION

SUPPOSE a wild-driving autoist refused to heed fire signals and crashed a big truck into a fire rig and killed and injured half a dozen firemen, what would happen to him?

Suppose an autoist ran amuck, smashed into another machine stalled on the highway and killed and injured three hapless citizens; what would happen to that driver?

Can you imagine the driver who rammed the fire truck being immediately turned loose, and the driver who smashed the stalled auto, killing one and injuring another, not even being arrested?

You cannot, but that's the way the P. E. does it.

If the suburban car, that recklessly and heedlessly ran over the fire truck Sunday, had merely wiped out a dozen school children, or a few hapless pedestrians, nothing would have been said about it. Fire trucks are a bit more valuable.

EMINENT counsel can alibi these two motormen until the last faded cow retires to its befuddled rest but the average citizen will know that the only reason these nine people were killed, or maimed, is because it is the habit of electric cars to drive ahead without regard for safety, the rights of others or the rules of the road.

If your automobile stalls on a car track, you get away as fast as you can because the motorman is not going to stop.

If you come upon a double-parked row of cars down town, and have to take the car track for half a block, expect to have your gas tank pushed up around your neck, because the motorman is not going to wait for you.

EVERY hour any day any autoist can prove to his complete satisfaction the utter disregard of all rules of safety or decency on the part of the Pacific Electric, and these two Sunday examples are typical and a part of the game as played by these forty-miles-an-hour juggernauts.

A few days ago I pointed out how cheaply the P. E. transported one from home to town; and the P. E. used my remarks as an ad.

I haven't changed by mind about the cheapness of the P. E. mode of travel as compared to doing my own driving; nor will I change my opinion regarding the utter disregard for human life shown by this company until it reforms.

This in passing; we endeavor to get around to every little thing in due time.

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## SAILOR SAYS SANDS HIRED TWO GUNMEN

A shot was fired in the apartment of William Desmond Taylor, 404-B South Alvarado street, and immediately thereafter a woman hurriedly left the apartment.

This startling story laid before District Attorney Thomas Lee Woolwine by a bootlegger was under investigation Tuesday.

Upsetting all previously entertained theories of the crime that laid low one of the best beloved figures in the motion picture industry, the new explanation sent investigators from the district attorney's office trailing corroborative evidence through the underworld.

### SANDS



This is the most recent photo of Edward F. Sands, former secretary and butler of William D. Taylor, slain movie director. Published now for first time.

The new informant first made his disclosure to The Record. It was partially checked.

This is in substance the informant's story:

"I was delivering liquor in half-pint bottles at the Taylor bungalow. I was carrying it in two cases used to pack automobile tire inner cases. I approached the front door from the side of the house. As I reached the shrubbery at the front of the house I heard the shot.

"I stood for three or four seconds—maybe 10—and I saw a woman leave the Taylor bungalow. She hurried away.

Harries Away at 7:57 p. m., Woolwine Checks His Story

"I said to myself: 'This is no place for me,' and I hurried back to my car. I threw the cases into the automobile with such force that I broke a half dozen of the bottles.

"Let's go! I told my chauffeur and we beat it east down the street."

The informant was positive that the figure he saw leave the bungalow was a woman.

He said he glanced at his automobile clock when he hurriedly entered the car and remembers it was exactly 7:57 o'clock.

His story as told to Woolwine, it is said, varied from the story told The Record reporter in one detail. He told the prosecutor that it was one of his men and not himself that heard the shot and saw the departing figure.

Eliminate Normand

The letters of Mabel Normand to William Desmond Taylor were eliminated from consideration in the murder mystery Tuesday by a formal statement issued by District Attorney Thomas Lee Woolwine. The statement follows:

"I understand that a newspaper has carried a story to the effect that the letters of Miss Mabel Normand have been returned to her, when as a matter of fact, such letters are still in my possession in the district attorney's office.

"These letters are not in any manner significant of anything in relation to the Taylor murder and there is absolutely nothing in them that throws any light on the case."

The statement was issued following a conference Tuesday afternoon between the district attorney, Undersheriff Eugene Biscailuz, Charles

### GIVES HIS STORY TO POLICE CHIEF

Retired Sea Captain Offers New Clue.

#### BULLETIN

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—That a man by the name of Sands had hired two gunmen to shoot William Desmond Taylor, Los Angeles movie director, was the circumstantial story told Police Lieutenant Frank Winters here today by Charles Carson, retired sea captain.

Edward F. Sands, former valet of Taylor, is among those wanted for examination in connection with the movie murder mystery.

Carson said he got up out of his sick bed at the Admiral hotel to go to the hall of justice here to tell his story.

He had been ill since October when he says Sands hired the men.

Carson told Lieutenant Winters that last October he was "beating" his way from Stockton to Tracy.

At Lathrop he came upon two men cooking dinner in the "jungle."

"One of the men," Carson said, "was a friend of mine. I knew him as a gunman. His friend I also knew to be a gunman, although I do not know his name." Carson

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### MUSHET SILENT DURING ATTACK

Councilman Mueshet had not a word to say Tuesday when a communication from the municipal league, attacking his charges against the public service bureau was read in council.

The league claims that his figures contained various duplications and that he followed an absurd method of accounting. Their survey showed that the municipal project is showing a fine profit in addition to lowering electric rates to consumers. The communication was received and filed.

"HELP keep the white spot white." Let us not dodge facts or mince words. Let us face candidly the glaring truth that over this country, as over the rest of the world, hangs a blanket of high fog, numbing the sinews of industry and making sluggish the blood in the veins of commerce.

It is as if some mysterious power had lifted up a manhole cover or a trapdoor in this ceiling of fog and let slip through a cylindrical shaft of sunshine, full upon the Los Angeles district, with this city in the very center of the circle of brightness.

That is the white spot which the hand of Providence vouchsafed us and which the hand of man can keep lustrous and shining, the world's greatest highlight of prosperity in a season of slackness.

It is the plainest common sense to say that it is for the lasting benefit of every citizen in the Los Angeles district that he lend his fullest aid in keeping the white spot white. It is the plainest common sense to say that if we will all team together we can do it. Destiny and Fortune are with us, and we are culpable laggards if we do not keep step with them.

"HELP keep the white spot white!" Help in a hundred ways. Help first in this way:

A Chamber of Commerce luncheon today launches the chamber's drive for a committee of 5000 subscribers to \$100 gold notes to found and to fund the project for the chamber's proposed magnificent new home. This is not a donation. It is an investment. The money is to pay the normal return on an investment. It is to pay dividends far more fabulous than that. It is to pay uncoupled per cent in civic advance and prosperity for all.

Every Chamber of Commerce member who can will undoubtedly subscribe. At least an equal number of the hundreds of thousands who are not members should subscribe likewise. There may be activities of the chamber in which other groups are not so vitally concerned. But in this one the welfare of every citizen is as vitally implicated as is the welfare of the president of the chamber himself.

"HELP keep the white spot white!" Be one of the committee of 5000. Swell it to a committee of 25,000.

But help in other ways, too. First, have faith in Los Angeles' unmistakably great and indescribably great destiny.

Secondly, show your faith in your every deed. If you can build a home, build it. If you can only lay a brick, lay it.

Thirdly, pull together. The co-operation of citizens, civic agencies and municipal officers in devising and executing mutual projects, private and public, will do the trick.

With a long pull, and a strong pull and a pull all together Los Angeles' sons and daughters can wade right through Hades and beat his Satanic majesty himself.

### LAST MINUTE NEWS

NO TRACE OF TAYLOR'S ACTIVITIES  
By United Press.  
HARPER, Kan., Feb. 14.—The trail of William Desmond Taylor, slain motion picture director, who spent several years in and near the famous English settlement of Runnymede, near here, disappeared when he left as completely as did trace of the director's slayer at Hollywood.

Although numerous Harper county residents recall that Taylor, then known as Tanner, lived in Harper county for several years while in his teens or early twenties, there is no record of when the family left or where they went.

At the time the boy, William, son of Oscar Tanner, was known as a roving, imaginative youth with cravings for sports and recreation. The town of Runnymede was named for an English town following the arrival in this part of Kansas of a large number of English families in the early eighties.

### WOMAN, CHILD KILLED BY CARS

An aged woman and a 10-year-old school boy were struck down and killed by automobiles on Los Angeles streets around noon Tuesday.

With a group of other school children, Philip Catrone, 10, 2424 East Forty-ninth street, was returning home for his luncheon.

He crossed the intersection of Vernon and Santa Fe avenues and ran into the path of an oil truck operated by J. B. Smith. Smith applied the emergency brakes, but the heavy truck kept in motion and little Philip was struck in the head by a headlight and his life crushed out.

Smith was exonerated by police investigation.

The body of Philip was taken to the Huntington Park mortuary.

Mrs. Sarah Underwood, 65, of 3234 South Flower street, was killed at Ninth and Flower streets, when she was struck down and ran over by an automobile driven by Revell Clark, a delivery boy, of 5432 Roman street.

According to Detective Sergeant Longuevan, the aged woman, who was partially blind, stepped into the path of Clark's automobile from behind two other automobiles, parked at the curb. Unconscious, she was removed to the receiving hospital, where she died from a fractured skull several hours later.

Clark was driving at a rate of 15 miles an hour when the accident occurred. Three witnesses substantiated his story and he was exonerated by the police.

DENY REPRIEVE TO FRENCH BLUEBEARD  
By United Press.  
Paris, Feb. 14.—Henri Landru, French Bluebeard, is doomed to die on the guillotine for the murder of 19 fiancées and a boy. Final application for a reprieve was denied the murderer.

### TIA JUANA ENTRIES

- First race, 2 1/2 furlongs:
- Babe Ruth .....106
  - Pat Hampson .....109
  - Betty Mae .....103
  - Regular Girl .....105
  - Jackie .....107
  - Red Planet .....109
  - Nancy Wines .....104
- Second race, 1 mile:
- Charmagne .....103
  - Montpelier .....110
  - Dixie Mason .....103
  - Moss Hilda Y. ....103
  - Grace W. ....109
  - Neosha Dale .....102
  - Jack Freese .....105
  - Tom Owens .....102
  - Lone Pine .....110
- Third race, 6 furlongs:
- Billy Joe .....109
  - Modiste .....107
  - Big Smoke .....117
  - Pink Tenny .....119
  - Balansa .....113
  - Pierrot .....112
  - Diener .....109
  - Ringleader .....117
  - Evelyn Harrigan .....110
  - Sam Hill .....109
  - Georgiana W. ....105
  - Sadie D. ....102
- Fourth race, 6 furlongs:
- Black Top .....104
  - Marcel Tishman .....112
  - Chloromaster .....117
  - Pewaukee .....114
  - Goddling .....112
  - Redman .....114
  - Hal Wright .....117
  - Rosella .....119
  - Lola .....105
  - Sue Beach .....114
  - Little Pointer .....109
  - Wells .....112
- Fifth race, mile and 70 yards, handicap:
- Capt. Clover .....120
  - Polly Wale .....114
  - Julian Prince .....110
  - South Breeze .....114
  - Little Florence .....120
  - Wedding Prince .....120
  - Loval entry.
- Sixth race, 1 1/4 miles:
- Commander .....117
  - Miss Kruter .....105
  - Dr. Samuel .....109
  - Pettar .....107
  - Gen. A. .....117
  - Vermaak .....117
  - Hickory Nut .....102
- Seventh race, 1 1/4 miles:
- Bob Baker .....112
  - Louis Lachmund .....108
  - Franklin .....112
  - Shortstop .....116
  - Kennard .....112
  - White Haven .....101
  - Elkhart Nut .....108
- Eighth race, 1 1/4 miles:
- Artie King .....115
  - Orehold King .....114
  - Billy Lane .....117
  - Samble .....105
  - John Jr. ....117
  - Sweet Apple .....110
  - Miss Manager .....110
  - Social Star .....112
  - Olympiad .....108

### NEWS DIGEST

WEATHER—  
For Los Angeles and vicinity: Fair to night and Wednesday. Moderate temperature.

### LOS ANGELES—

Bootlegger says he saw woman rush from Taylor bungalow after shot was fired.

Psychanalyst discusses element of jealousy as related to Taylor case.

Hunt mystery woman witness in Kennedy murder trial.

Baron Pitts charges Mellon crowd's occupation theater and "raw" tax to make vets' compensation unpopular.

"Steak-Hoppy" Oberchain completes work as here in movie thriller.

Nearly mob truck driver who injures five pedestrians.

### COAST—

San Francisco—Man says Sands hired gunmen to kill Taylor.

### EAST AND ABROAD—

Woman who claims to be second cousin of William Taylor says he was son of "old-fashioned Kansas farmer."

Belgian—Thirteen killed in riot.

### READ KENNEDY LOVE LETTERS

By Eleanor M. Barnes

The voice of his murdered son spoke to J. D. Kennedy from the grave Tuesday afternoon.

While the father sat on the witness stand in Judge Reeve's courtroom Deputy Attorney Asa Keyes read letters written by Belton, making plans for amusements to be shared with Madalynne Oberchain.

Mrs. Oberchain, on trial for the murder of young Kennedy August 5, in Beverly Glen, his her face be-

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# SANDS LOGGED

# DENIES HE KILLED TAYLOR

# ART

Bare Legs, Bobbed Hair.  
Corn Belt and Overalls.  
Strong Drink In Tea Cups.  
Missionary From Bo-  
hemia.

## ONE MAN'S --OPINION--

POTATOES are high just now; and especially are good potatoes high, because somehow we have to get potatoes from Idaho and Oregon and the Yakima valley, rather than from the back yard of Los Angeles. And yet there is some considerable back yard to this town; enough fertile potato land at least to give every family two sacks a year of good potatoes at a cost of \$1.50 a sack. For if you can average \$1 a sack in the field every year for potatoes you will make a lot of money.

Why does Los Angeles pay \$4 a sack for northern potatoes?

BECAUSE the farm lands, the improved, going ranches, are largely owned by non-residents, by speculators, by professional landlords who are banded together to make it impossible for the tenant to make a living working these lands.

Yesterday I saw a lease and crop mortgage for a local 40 acre ranch. The owner was a Pasadena plutocrat who has numerous ranches, and who prefers a Jap when he can get one. Not being able to use Japs because of the law he condescends to give returned soldiers and other aspiring young workers a chance at his idle farms, and he operates on this basis.

HE supplies the farm, the tenant supplies the outfit, does the work, takes the risk and the grief. The entire crop is turned over to the landlord to dispose of as he wishes; when it is sold the landlord takes 60 per cent and the tenant takes 40, BUT all expense of handling the sale of the crop is taken from the tenant's 40 per cent.

On top of this the tenant signs a crop mortgage to cover the landlord for any monies advanced, and pays one per cent a month for this privilege.

That's one big reason why you eat \$5 potatoes today. It's a punk civilization that allows this sort of land hog to fatten from the tough muscles and good nature of able men.

## NEWS DIGEST

### WEATHER--

For Los Angeles and vicinity--Fair to night and Friday with mild temperature.

### LOS ANGELES--

Trap alleged lunatic who threatens life of Judge Reeve.  
Herald alleged moonshine rendezvous on Main street.  
Twelfth National Orange show opens in San Bernardino Friday.  
"East Angel" plays "steady" Ralph Obenchain's crime movie.  
Blue turban is important surprise evidence in murder trial of Madalynne Obenchain.  
Estelle Taylor tells flappers to change their ways.  
Bootlegger who said he saw woman leave Taylor bungalow after shooting disappears.

### COAST--

San Francisco--Nurse who attended Virginia Koppa may testify for Arbutnot.  
Cleveland--Navy investigators find clue to sinking of Cyclops.

### WASHINGTON--

Democrats plan to defeat Senator Lodge for re-election.

### EAST AND ABROAD--

New York--Tex Rickard indicted on charges of two girls.  
East Dodge, Ia.--Four hundred thousand dollar fire destroys business block.  
London--Warfare still rages in northern Ireland.  
Indianapolis--Miners fight against railroad.  
Indianapolis--Former Senator Beveridge to run for senate.  
Cleveland--Railroad workers not to join miners in strike.  
Montreal--Auto ride may convict priest.

## Taylor Investigation Shifts to Chicago

By United Press.  
Chicago, Feb. 16.--On request of Thomas Lee Woolwine, district attorney at Los Angeles, handling the Taylor murder case investigation, police officials here today questioned Mrs. Margaret Snyder, a Chicago private detective. Woolwine wired local officials that Mrs. Snyder might know something of blackmail incidents which may have led to Taylor's death. Mrs. Snyder denied knowing anything of the case, however.

## FOIL PLOT TO KIDNAP GENERAL

By United Press.  
San Antonio, Feb. 16.--A plot to kidnap General Francisco Murguia, former Carranza leader and now a Mexican refugee here, carry him across the line and after a mock courtmartial, execute him, was revealed here today when one of the three hired kidnapers split with the other two over a division of the spoils.  
The kidnapers, all notorious American border criminals, were to receive \$30,000 for their work.  
The plot was to arrest Murguia at his home here on a "phony" warrant and instead of taking him to a San Antonio court to carry him over the border where a Mexican colonel would be waiting. He was to have been executed because of his recent revolutionary activities. Federal authorities are investigating.

## MINERS DIDN'T PLAN WALKOUT

By United Press.  
Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 16.--The United Mine Workers did not suggest an alliance with the sixteen major railroad unions to precipitate a joint rail and coal strike April 1 when the miners wage agreement expires, President John L. Lewis said here today.  
"It was not our desire to bring an economic catastrophe on the country," Lewis said.  
"On the contrary, we proposed this because we wish to preclude the possibility of such a thing."

The Galosh Must Go  
Denver, Colo., Feb. 16.--Wool stockings got by. The low necked waist wasn't taboo by any means. Short skirts were even acclaimed. But the galosh must go.  
This is the edict of social leaders among the male students at Denver University as regards co-eds at that institution.

## LOS ANGELES' FASTEST-GROWING NEWSPAPER

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## \$1500 DEMAND THREATENS LIFE

Police Arrest Crank Who Perils Judge Reeve.

Threats to kill Superior Judge Sidney N. Reeve landed Carl F. Plutarsch in the psychopathic ward of the county hospital shortly before noon Thursday.

Wednesday Judge Reeve opened a special delivery letter demanding \$1500 in three hours or his life.

"I will kill you in the American way," wrote Plutarsch to Judge Reeve. He demanded the money be placed in an envelope and brought to a Broadway jewelry store. Plutarsch's threats to kill Judge Reeve date back to 1919, when the man claimed that Woodrow Wilson, then president of the United States, beat him out of the Nobel peace prize. Plutarsch also claimed that President W. G. Harding, Hughes and Knox were allied in a conspiracy to "get him."

The department of justice took up the matter and following an examination Plutarsch was sent to the county farm. He has been out a year. He has written many letters to Judge Reeve and has threatened him on numerous occasions. Judge Reeve claims he is a paranoiac of the dangerous type.

## PROBE SEIZURE OF FISHING SCHOONER

Washington, Feb. 16.--Efforts will be made by the state department to determine the justice of the handling of the fishing schooner Mabel by Mexican authorities, it was indicated here today.  
A board consisting of William C. Burdette, American consul at Ensenada, Enrique Ferris, Mexican consul at San Diego and William Henry Rogers, a disinterested British subject, has been appointed to fully investigate the circumstances surrounding the arrest of the crew of the Mabel with a view to obtaining redress if its seizure was unjustified.

## MANAGER MILLER SIGNS CONTRACT

By United Press.  
San Francisco, Feb. 16.--Manager Jack Miller of the San Francisco Seals today signed his contract. Miller, who has played with the Pirates, Cardinals and Phillies since he broke into baseball said he had never signed a minor league contract before "but this one satisfies and pleases me more than any contract I ever signed."

## DOUBLE DIVORCE

By United Press.  
San Diego, Feb. 16.--The double wedding took a back seat for the double divorce here today. Mary C. and Lillian Milligan, sisters, filed suit for divorce today from Arthur L. and Thomas D. Milligan, brothers, cruelly being charged in both cases. There are children in each family.

## Who Was This Woman? Police Hunt Fleeing Beauty

Detectives' fast dwindling hope of a new and definite clue in the Taylor murder mystery was revived when they received reports that a beautiful woman, in evening cloak, bare-headed and white-faced, drove through Ventura at a high speed in a motor car at 3 a. m. on the morning after Taylor was killed.

This information was given the officers by a garage man who described the motor car and the strange actions of the woman.

"She looked pale and under emotional strain," he said. "I heard the car approaching at a dizzy speed and the car then abruptly stopped."

"The woman told me to give her all the gasoline and oil the car would carry. She appeared nervous while I waited on her. She was so anxious to make a hurried get-away that she paid me and drove off without waiting for change."

The garage man gave detectives an auto license number, but said he was not definitely satisfied that he had remembered the number correctly.

## TOURISTS WILL AID MADALYNNE

Defense Scores as Judge Reverses Decision.

By ELEANOR M. BARNES  
The whereabouts of Arthur C. Burch, following the murder of J. Belton Kennedy on the night of August 5 cannot be brought into the trial of Madalynne C. Obenchain. The decision made by Superior Judge Reeve, late Wednesday, to admit testimony showing the woman on trial for her life and the man who recently was tried on the same charge, was reversed Thursday.

This was a real victory for the defense. It was won by an objection made by Chief Counsel Judd R. Rush. Mechanic Is Witness  
William C. Pilger, mechanic of the Central Auto park, 823 South Spring street, was a witness called by the prosecution after the noon recess. He identified cards with the name M. C. Obenchain, Alexandria hotel, signed to them. He said that Arthur C. Burch, named co-conspirator by the prosecution, had rented a Dodge car at \$45 a week from him. This machine was returned to the garage every night because Burch did not have the \$100 deposit necessary to take out a car for a week.

When he rented it, he paid \$90 deposit.  
Other witnesses to be called this afternoon include automobile men. They are Hiram Utley, B. E. Utley and Dick Parsons.  
Blanche Rogers held up the trial of Mrs. Obenchain 20 minutes when she misunderstood the court order to be at the trial and waited for an automobile to bring her. Miss Rogers is the chambermaid, who testified in the Burch case, that she "peeked through the key hole."

Tourists to Aid  
Passengers on the train that speeded Arthur C. Burch to the side of Madalynne Obenchain--passengers who have not heretofore been

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## SUSPECT SAYS HE'LL KEEP AWAY FROM L. A.

Search for Edward F. Sands, missing secretary of the murdered picture director, William Desmond Taylor, shifted to Mexico Thursday.

A well-dressed Mexican brought a report to the district attorney's office that he had seen and talked to a man in the province of Chihuahua, who admitted that he was Sands.

The man described by the Mexican was very like the missing secretary who is wanted in connection with the murder. The resemblance struck the informant, and he asked the stranger if he were not the man who is being sought by the Los Angeles authorities.

At this question the suspect laughed and admitted that he was the man.

"I had nothing to do with the murder, but I have sense enough not to go back to Los Angeles," he is quoted as replying.

The informant, whose identity was withheld, but who is said to be a wealthy merchant, reported that he met the man claiming to be Sands at a cafe in a small Chihuahuan town.

The man who talked to the Mexican was intoxicated when he disclosed his identity. He was very loud and boastful, according to the informant.

Some points of the description did not tally with that of Sands, although in the main the description was the same.

The bootlegger who told District Attorney Woolwine of hearing a shot and seeing a woman hurry from the Taylor bungalow has disappeared.

The district attorney sent detectives to find the bootlegger Thursday, but he had left town. It was desired to question him further about his version of the murder and try to get some corroboration of his story.

Woolwine said he did not expect to question any witnesses Thursday. Charles A. Jones, his aide, is still looking for clues among the motion picture acquaintances of the murdered director.

The district attorney Thursday denied the report that any mysterious telegram had been found or a new clue of any kind uncovered.

## 25 Letters a Day

An average of 25 letters are received every day at the district attorney's office from persons who think they have hit upon a solution of the crime.

Jones spent several hours going over the accumulation of letters. They were all valueless as shedding any light on the mystery, he said. Most are from cranks. Many are from persons who claim to have spirit messages about the murder.

## Still Want Sands

The police detectives were without clues. About their only activity was to continue the unavailing search for Edward F. Sands, former secretary of the slain film director.  
An additional grilling of Mabel

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## LAST MINUTE NEWS

### 300 MORE TROOPS WITHDRAWN

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.--Orders recalling more than 3000 soldiers of the army of occupation in Germany were issued today by the war department. The men will leave on the first available transport. This reduction leaves 2276 officers and men to keep the watch on the Rhine.

### MELTON DEFENDS HOLDING OFFICE

By United Press.  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.--Secretary of the Treasury Mellon has investigated the law which provides that no treasury official shall engage in private enterprises, and found himself not subject to it, it was learned today.

Mellon believes, after consultation with the authorities, that the law applies only to those actively engaged in private commerce while in office. He states he is not the director in any corporation and holds no private position.

### EIGHT CUBS ON WAY TO CATALINA

By United Press.  
CHICAGO, Feb. 16.--Eight members of the Chicago Cubs crew, accompanied by Manager Bill Killebrew today start for Catalina Island for the beginning of spring training. The first trainee will be joined by another squad at Knap City tonight. Jim York, pitcher, was the only player expected who was not on hand.

### TEX RICKARD QUILTS GARDEN

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.--It was learned definitely this afternoon that Tex Rickard had resigned as director of Madison Square Garden and that his resignation would be formally announced in a day or two. The resignation was submitted at a meeting of the board of directors yesterday and accepted with the understanding the acceptance would be withdrawn if Rickard was not indicted on the charges filed by two young girls. The grand jury returned the indictment.



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# MURDER WITNESS TRAPPED

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## ONE MAN'S --OPINION--

THERE is a lot of sickness in town just now; a lot of sickness the nation over.

Seems to be a sort of after-wave of the flu epidemic of two or three years back.

Maybe you would like to know what the wisest doctors do when they get a touch of this, flu, grippie, malarial bug.

The first thing the doctor does is to quit work and get for home; he gets into bed, the good wife gives him about three tablespoons of castor oil, then she gives him a hot toddy with a stick in it, and lots of lemon.

OLD Mister doc begins to sweat, his internal machinery begins to move itself aright and in 24 hours he is as clean as a willow whistle and not a bit of poison in him from stem to keelson.

The average mutt citizen hangs on to his work. He refuses to go home and rest, he takes a mild carthartic, he stays on his feet and allows poison to pile itself on poison within until finally his machinery utterly breaks down, and then he has a real sick spell; maybe he has a funeral.

NEXT to possessing a faith that keeps your body subject to your mind, the best thing to do is to go to the mat with fevers, chills and aches at the first suspicion of impending danger, and to blow out every inch of the hundred and more feet of hot air tubing that your private person contains.

Medicine is mostly useless. Always it is senseless to dope until you have thrown off the poison that is killing you by inches.

If every person in the country would follow these few homely suggestions no epidemic would ever get a start and tens of thousands of valuable citizens would be preserved to dance at their grandchildren's wedding.

## DESERT DOPE RING NABBED

By United Press.

El Centro, Cal., Feb. 17.—In the biggest narcotic seizure ever made on the border, following a 165-mile desert pursuit, four members of an asserted national drug ring are in jail here today and \$4000 worth of drugs held as evidence of the extensive operations of dope runners.

Among the drug smugglers captured are two women, one young and beautiful, asserted to be "Queen" of the narcotic band.

Those in jail are Rose Erickson, already involved in a sensational charge of robbery; Mrs. O. R. Parkhurst, J. R. Davis and A. V. Stephens.

Detected as the dope runners were crossing the border at Calexico in two powerful automobiles, Customs Inspector Kemp and Constable Frank Crane immediately gave chase in another machine and the long pursuit that ultimately ended in Riverside with the capture of the band was on.

Dozens of cans of opium, scores of bindles of cocaine and a quantity of morphine were found concealed in specially built compartments in the two machines. Both machines, one said to have been borrowed from a prominent Calexico, were likewise seized by the government officers.

## RAIL MEN FIGHT SALES TAX BILL

The Brotherhood of Railway Firemen and Engineers, Local No. 907, is protesting against the sales tax bill now pending in Congress.

"We bitterly oppose this bill," they say in a communication addressed to city council Friday. They are in favor of the soldiers' bonus but believe the money should be raised as stipulated in the Keller bill.

## 1500 LEPERS IN U. S.

By United Press.

Washington, Feb. 17.—There are between 500 and 1500 lepers in the United States, the U. S. public health service stated today in warning that leprosy is still a public health problem of "greater seriousness than seems to be popularly supposed."

In 1902 the health service found 278 lepers in the United States and only 73 were under any restraint. Today the number is estimated at between 500 and 1500. Many of the victims contracted the disease in the Philippines.

## TIA JUANA ENTRIES

First race, 5 1/2 furlongs:  
Bos Blanc ..... 111 Little Princess ..... 109  
Candor ..... 109 Laura Cochran ..... 107  
Circulate ..... 111 Mrs. Pat ..... 94  
Mad N ..... 109 Montgomery Jr. .... 104  
Dinner ..... 111 Mary Josephine ..... 109  
Foeman ..... 111 Tumbler ..... 104  
Second race, 5 1/2 furlongs:  
Apples ..... 109 Marie's Pat ..... 109  
Billy Joe ..... 111 Smiling Anna ..... 104  
Lepian ..... 109 Philo ..... 104  
Frank ..... 109 Squash ..... 109  
Mae Johnson ..... 109 Terriette ..... 104  
Miss King ..... 109 Vortin ..... 104  
Third race, 5 1/2 furlongs:  
Alajah ..... 109 Little One ..... 111  
Capt. Marchmont ..... 109 Miss ..... 104  
Frank ..... 109 Point to Point ..... 109  
Fund Hope ..... 109 Queen of Trumps ..... 109  
Lep ..... 109 Rose Roberts ..... 94  
Kiss ..... 109 Rockbridge ..... 111  
Fourth race, 5 1/2 furlongs:  
Al Porter ..... 111 Miss Dunbar ..... 109  
Clay ..... 109 Merry Lane ..... 109  
Erminda ..... 109 Point to Point ..... 109  
Fund Hope ..... 109 Queen of Trumps ..... 109  
Lep ..... 109 Rose Roberts ..... 94  
Kiss ..... 109 Rockbridge ..... 111  
Fifth race, 5 1/2 furlongs:  
Pop Baker ..... 111 Miss Blossom ..... 109  
Hot Foot ..... 109 Merry Lane ..... 109  
Frank ..... 109 Point to Point ..... 109  
Fund Hope ..... 109 Queen of Trumps ..... 109  
Lep ..... 109 Rose Roberts ..... 94  
Kiss ..... 109 Rockbridge ..... 111  
Sixth race, 5 1/2 furlongs:  
Cavaback ..... 109 Off Homestead ..... 112  
Hot Foot ..... 109 Point to Point ..... 109  
Jewel City ..... 109 Phantogenet ..... 109  
Maid of Amstel ..... 109 Peggy Martin ..... 109  
Mentone ..... 109 Rose Roberts ..... 94  
Nick Klein ..... 109 Victory Won ..... 99  
Seventh race, 1 1/4 miles:  
Auntie ..... 109 Full ..... 109  
Batarosa ..... 112 Mike Daly ..... 109  
Commander ..... 111 Yermak ..... 112  
Frank Wilson ..... 109 Zamboni ..... 112  
Eighth race, 5 1/2 furlongs:  
Dancing Girl ..... 109 May Mauby ..... 109  
Garden City ..... 112 Norain ..... 111  
The Mile ..... 112 Olympia ..... 109  
John ..... 112 Purque Ward ..... 109  
Nash, Rankin ..... 109 Review ..... 99

## TAYLOR MARRIED 3 TIMES. SANDS LURED MOVIE GIRLS

### Child Ordained Minister At Methodist Conference

By United Press.

Tulsa, Okla., Feb. 17.—Miss Orletta Stoddard, 13, of Miami, Okla., was given a license to fill a regular church pulpit by the district conference of the Methodist Episcopal church south, here today.

Miss Stoddard is believed to be the world's youngest ordained Methodist minister, conference officials said. The girl, a seventh grade student, in Miami schools, has preached in several churches in Oklahoma and Kansas and after finishing school will take special training in theology.

### MAY DROP CARL MAYS

By United Press.

New York, Feb. 17.—If Carl Mays, star pitcher of the Yankees, demands a new contract for more money he will be dropped from the team, the club owners said today.

Under his present contract, which covers 1922 and 1923, he is said to be getting \$10,000. He wants \$15,000 and a bonus for winning a certain number of games, it is understood.

"Erin" Ward, second baseman of the Yankees, is holding out for \$10,000, twice what he drew last season. Other Yanks who have not signed include Ruth, Schanz, Shawkey, Meusel, Bush, Jones and Harper. The Giants also have a number of stars unsigned, including Rawlings, Bancroft, Meusel, Kelly, Douglas, Smith and Snyder.

### Dempsey Back to Stage

By United Press.

New York, Feb. 17.—Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, with no ring work in sight, is going back to the stage, it was reported today. The champion has practically landed an engagement to do a monologue and box at the Hippodrome.

### PREMIER PIONEER VOTED CONFIDENCE

By United Press.

Paris, Feb. 17.—The chamber of deputies this afternoon gave Premier Poincare an unanimous vote of confidence on his presentation of his government's policy toward Upper Silesia. The premier announced that the government has decided to demand of Germany "whatever penalties shall be judged necessary" for attacks upon French soldiers in Upper Silesia last year.

### \$500,000 BLAZE SWEEPS MADISON

By United Press.

Madison, Wis., Feb. 17.—Fire still raging this afternoon caused over \$500,000 damage to the Corn-harvester store here. Adjacent stores were slightly damaged. The fire started late last night.

### MRS. C. Y. KNIGHT DIES

By United Press.

Pasadena, Feb. 17.—Mrs. Charles Y. Knight, wife of the inventor of the "Silent Knight" motor, died here today.

### Chicago Detective Reports to Woolwine; Two New Theories Evolved That May Solve Murder Mystery.

Two entirely new lines of investigation suddenly developed in the Taylor murder Friday.

It is believed that one of the two holds the solution of the mystery. They are:

1. William Desmond Taylor was slain as the result of an altercation with Edward F. Sands, his secretary, over the latter's shipping girls to Los Angeles to be placed in the movies by the noted film director.

2. Taylor was killed in a love plot, knowledge of which is being concealed by one of the persons already quizzed in the murder investigation.

The first theory is based on information received by District Attorney Thomas Lee Woolwine from State's Attorney Crowe of Chicago.

The latter wired Woolwine Friday enclosing the copy of a telegram he had received from Margaret Snyder, private investigator. The telegram, sent from Rockford, Illinois, under date of February 17, stated:

"Taylor was thrice married. Sands was in Chicago in September posing as able to get girls in movies."

It is understood that Miss Snyder knew Sands and got the information from him about Taylor being married three times. It is reasoned that Sands was holding this knowledge of Taylor's past as a club over his employer's head, while sending girls to Los Angeles and threatening to tell all he knew unless Taylor gave them work in pictures.

(Taylor is supposed to have threatened to prosecute Sands, possibly under the Mann act, for the transportation of the girls. This threat, probably delivered by mail, may have brought back to Los Angeles the secretary—who already had robbed his employer—bent on revenge.

The effect of the fresh information in the hands of the district attorney was to spur on the hunt for the missing secretary, now being sought in Mexico.

Additional impetus to the hunt for Sands was given when Earl Tiffany, former chauffeur of the murdered picture director, went to District Attorney Woolwine with the information that his wife saw a man believed to be the missing secretary in Los Angeles two days before the murder.

Meanwhile the sheriff's office was engaged in another phase of the investigation, which, according to Under-Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz, is the most promising lead yet uncovered.

First Wedge in Mystery  
Biscailuz believes that his investigators have forced an entering wedge into the wall of mystery surrounding the murder and that it is now only a question of time until the perpetrator of the crime is in custody.

The wedge, which the sheriff's officers are wielding, is the discovery that one of the men examined in connection with the murder deliberately lied.

The man was caught in one out-and-out falsehood and, moreover, his story conflicts with that of another witness who is given credence by the investigators.

### Will Get Third Degree

Every effort of the sheriff's office was directed today in an effort to trap this man into a confession. Upon the ability to break down his story may depend the solution of the murder.

## TALK UP, MEN!

GLENDALE officials Thursday asked the Los Angeles utility board for a permit for a Los Angeles terminal for the Glendale municipal bus line.

Here is an excellent chance for the utilities board to announce, and for the Los Angeles citizenry to ascertain, which drum the board is keeping step with—the Pacific Electric drum or the drum-taps of public opinion.

It SHOULD go without saying that the Los Angeles board of public utilities will gladly and promptly grant the permission asked.

It DOES go without saying that if the board members should dare to betray the public and should refuse or hold up this permit the enraged people of Los Angeles would figuratively burn them in oil, would figuratively tar and feather these utility board members, and would literally visit upon their unhappy and conscienceless carcasses the most extreme actual punishment that maddened citizens can wreak upon perfidious public servants.

The permit should be taken for granted. BUT MORE! Glendale, glorious pioneer in public bus line development, should be given at once ASSURANCE IN SPIRIT AND AMPLE PROOF IN FACT of the complete and hearty co-operation of Los Angeles.

The Glendale line should be the first of a great network of city-owned lines over all Los Angeles.

Step up, board of public utilities, and speak your piece—AND SPEAK IT PLAINLY SO WE CAN ALL HEAR AND UNDERSTAND.

## What, Sleep Away From Burros? Never! Hermit Visits L. A. First Time in 24 Years

By ELEANOR M. BARNES

ERNEST BRANDT, white whiskered hermit of Mount Wilson, this week had his first eyeful of the city in more than 25 years.

In a quarter of a century the "patriarch of the Southern California mountains" hadn't strayed off the high trails.

But this winter's heavy snow and cold were too much for Ernest. He packed his earthly possessions on the back of his three burros and came to Los Angeles.

Neither he nor the burros knew whether they ought to travel on the streets or the sidewalks. The burros picked the sidewalk. The automobiles didn't bother 'em so much there.

Ernest's attorney's office voluntarily Friday to lay important information before the investigators.

Says She Saw Sands

He informed Woolwine that his wife saw a man she believed to be Sands in Los Angeles two days before the murder.

Tiffany was in conference for several hours with District Attorney Woolwine, Deputy W. C. Doran and Charles A. Jones, former police chief, who is helping Woolwine in the murder probe.

Efforts will be made to trace the man seen by Mrs. Tiffany by means of data turned over to the district attorney by Taylor's former chauffeur.

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### Frank Mayo Denies He Flayed Hollywood

By United Press.

New York, Feb. 17.—"Hollywood is as clean living a community as can be found in the entire country," Frank Mayo, Universal film actor, declared today.

"Virtually all my friends are members of the film colony there and never, in five years, have I seen a sign of immorality."

Mayo flatly denied having made a suggestion to "burn up Hollywood" mentioned in an alleged interview with a press association.

"In an alleged interview, which I am supposed to have given, I was quoted as saying the film colony behaved like a crowd of drunken sailors," I never used such an expression in my life. In denying this alleged interview, I wish it understood that I never said a single word disparaging to any film actor or actress, nor did I speak ill of the navy."

### NEWS DIGEST

WEATHER—

For Los Angeles and vicinity—Fair tonight and Saturday with moderate temperatures.

LOS ANGELES—

Public Power league urges city to condemn L. A. Gas company's plant.

Mt. Wilson hermit marooned in L. A. by snows won't desert faithful burros.

Madame Oberholser scores partial victory in murder trial.

Leads—Riots end with death toll of 25.

Ed Paso—U. S. troops keep eye on Mexican revolt.

Indianapolis—Miners to take vote on strike soon.

WASHINGTON—

Washington—California war against Japan unless invasion is curbed.

Congress still worried over bonus question.

Democrats plot to punish republicans for defeating league.

EAST AND ABOARD—

Durham, N. C.—Three students killed in auto-train crash.

Des Moines—Charles A. Hawson to succeed Kenyon in U. S. senate.

Chicago—Granddaughter of Rockefeller to wed Swiss riding master.

Paris—Bay sends mother who would kill him to prison.

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TO SELL SHIP BOARD FLEET

BULLETIN

By United Press.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The entire shipping board fleet of 1470 steel vessels is to be offered for sale, it was announced this afternoon by Chairman Powell of the emergency fleet corporation. Shipping experts estimate the value of the ships, the total tonnage of which is about ten million tons, at \$200,000,000. This estimate is based on present world tonnage prices. These ships originally cost approximately \$3,000,000,000.

MORE TEA GOSSIP FOR DIVORCE FANS

Mrs. Edith G. Glass is preparing to bring a suit for separation from her husband, the wealthy John Glass of Chicago. She has established residence in Los Angeles. For more than a year, their coming divorce has been a topic discussed at teas and in social circles. Mrs. Glass was a war worker.

THEY'LL HIT TRAIL WHEN SNOW CLEARS

Friday the three burros are grazing on a big vacant lot at Rose Hill.

Brandt keeps himself informed of weather conditions at Mount Wilson. He is lonely in the big city—his feet are itching to hit the trail again.



# DEATH THREAT

## TAYLOR WITNESS BARES PLOT

### ONE MAN'S --OPINION--

WITH labor and freight costs averaging 70 per cent above pre-war charges it is impossible for the mine operators to sell coal to American industries at a price industry can afford to pay.

This sort of statement is a basic premise in a lot of current financial, big interests' arguments against present wage scales.

But the statement is false; like a lot of other financial arguments.

Wages and railroad tariffs are higher than they were but automobiles delivered in Los Angeles are, in numerous instances, cheaper than ever before for the same type of car.

Mr. Ford led the way and a lot of other auto manufacturers found suddenly they could do likewise, if they had to.

A FARMER today pays about twice what he did for a farm wagon; the argument being the old labor-freight increase.

BUT the farmer pays less today than he ever did before when he buys a tractor, and yet wages and freight costs apply equally to tractor prices.

But Mr. Ford is not manufacturing wagons, so the harvester trust holds up its implement prices while it cuts its tractor price.

Wages may be too high in the coal-mines; if they are it is the fault of the operators who do not have vision and leadership enough to keep their workers believing in them, and so producing more for the higher wage.

Some employers always get results, whatever the wage scale; others never do, no matter what the scale.

It is a matter of personal equation and not of overhead usually.

### MEXICO READY FOR BIG REVOLT

By United Press.  
Mexico, L. C., Feb. 18.—The military, alarmed over revolutionary movements reported spreading along the entire Mexican border, met here today in a hurried "council of war" to discuss precautionary measures for the northern district of Lower California.

General Pablo Macias, new military commander of the district, issued a summary call for General Abelardo Rodriguez and Colonel Alvarado Armenta to meet with him this afternoon. Governor Jose L. Lugo was to meet with the military leaders.

Reports are in their hands from the Mexican department of justice that the new revolutionary movement is to be launched simultaneously at various strategic border points, including Tecate, Mexicali and Tijuana.

Official cognizance is given the planned uprising and close observers here are said to express the fear that it will be the most portentous revolution launched in years.

The military force consists of 300 regulars, 1000 volunteers and 300 secret service patrolmen in the district.

### NEWS DIGEST

**WEATHER—**  
For Los Angeles and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday with moderate temperatures.

**LOS ANGELES—**  
Gas explosion wrecks building.  
Woolwine urged hands to surrender.  
Find girl poisoned by chloroform on steps of L. A. church.  
Council considers condemnation of L. A. Gas plant by city.  
Jail rate man indicted for fire insurance fraud.  
Early anti-air raid down couple at Avenue 19 and Pasadena avenue.

**COAST—**  
San Francisco—Lecturer on birth control to defy Japanese government.  
East and abroad—  
Italian cabinet resigns for second time within a month.  
Chicago—Miss McCormick determined to wed later.  
Indianapolis—Threatened split in miners' ranks mended.  
Chicago—Fourteenth victim of bloody political feud.  
Chicago—Judge Landis resigns.  
Chicago—Nuns rescue 100 children in fire.

**WASHINGTON—**  
Ohio delegation starting movement to delay bonds.  
Valparaiso, Chile, is endeavoring to raise the large number of ships sunk in the harbor during recent strikes.

### COAL MINERS TO STRIKE APRIL 1

By United Press.  
Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 18.—A strike of the 300,000 bituminous coal miners of the country was decided on by the wage scale convention of the United Mine Workers of America here today, if mine owners continue their refusal to negotiate an interstate wage agreement before April 1.

In the face of counsel for conservative action voiced by the leaders, the 2300 delegates rejected a recommendation of their scale committee for an eight-hour day underground and took up a demand for a six-hour day and five-day week.

President John Lewis and Vice President Philip Murray, who was presiding, advised the delegates repeatedly to act slowly in forming their wage policies and asked them not to antagonize public opinion.

### JURY DEADLOCK IN DEATH CASE

The jury of ten women and two men which is deciding the fate of Mrs. Julia Lee Johnstone of Long Beach, resumed deliberations at 9 o'clock Saturday.

Retiring at 11:10 o'clock Friday morning, the jury deliberated until five o'clock when a deadlock was reported. They were ordered locked up for the night by Judge Avery.

It was reported they stood 7 to 5. Whether the majority was for acquittal or conviction could not be learned. Judge Avery hoped a verdict would be returned Saturday.

Mrs. Johnstone was tried for the murder of her husband, Thomas P. Johnstone. The shooting is alleged to have resulted because of Johnstone's bootlegger activities.

### MRS. ENRICO CARUSO NOW A SPIRITUALIST

By United Press.  
New York, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Enrico Caruso, widow of the singer, has taken up study of spiritualism, she said today. She was convinced there is something in spiritualism when a medium, who did not know her, informed her she was the body of Caruso lying in Italy. Mrs. Caruso declared. However, she added, she does not intend to try to communicate with the spirits herself.

### LOS ANGELES' FASTEST-GROWING NEWSPAPER

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### GIRL REFUSED DANCE TAKES CHLOROFORM

Patrolman Finds Unconscious Woman.

Becoming despondent when the man she loved refused to take her to a dance, Miss Norma Wilbough, 21, a stenographer, attempted to end it all.

The girl's unconscious form was found on the steps of the First Baptist church, 227 South Flower street, early Saturday morning by a patrolman on his beat.

In her hand she clutched a bottle of chloroform, partially filled. She was removed to the receiving hospital, where it was announced by Police Surgeon Norman Dorn that she would suffer no ill effects from the drug.

According to the police, Miss Wilbough came to Los Angeles recently from a town in Pennsylvania. She "went with" a young man who lives in Venice. They were to be married. Friday night she and her sweet friend were on their way to a dance.

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### TIA JUANA ENTRIES

First race, 5 1/2 furlongs:  
American Maid, 118; Murphy, 112; Cover Up, 102; Nick Klen, 107; Cicely Kay, 101; No Wonder, 115; Earl, 102; Montgomery Jr., 102; July Fly, 110; Ringleader, 119; La Vega, 112; Vera Rita, 103; Gordon Roberts, 99.

Second race, 5 1/2 furlongs:  
Candessa, 99; Mannheim, 110; Bob, 104; Mollie, 110; Dick de Guise, 110; Montgomery Jr., 102; Gaudie Rose, 101; Orleans Girl, 104; Kinglike, 107; Rafferty, 103; Leola, 110; Cranham, 100.

Third race, 1 mile:  
Billy Stuart, 112; Petlar, 110; Gable, 100; Herod, 100; Dalwood, 110; Tamblin, 104; Flash of Steel, 110; Wise Judge, 104; Star, 110; Trishman, 100.

Fourth race, 1 1/4 miles:  
Clerk, 110; Lone Pine, 114; Chick Bradley, 110; Moss Krater, 107; Dr. Samuel, 114; Madrone, 112; Dora, 104; Plantagenet, 110; Gordon Roberts, 99.

Fifth race, 5 1/2 furlongs, handicap:  
Herod, 99; Sam Reb, 99; Sharon, 111; Madrone, 106; Mulcher, 107; Sister Shue, 107; Motor Cop, 107; Irwin, 99.

Sixth race, 1 1/4 miles, Business Men's Handicap:  
Broose, 109; Regal Lodge, 114; He Frank, 110; Herod, 100; East Indian, 110; Sunnyside, 112; Carbelow, 110; Star Reelin, 104; Indian Prince, 99; Veteran, 104; Motor Cop, 107; Verdi Leon, 99; Omrod, 99.

Seventh race, mile and 70 yards:  
Booseville, 104; Louis Lachmann, 107; Cavaladour, 109; Orinid King, 110; Franklin, 107; Sweet Apple, 109; Gath, 110.

Eighth race, 6 furlongs:  
C. A. Comiskey, 114; Review, 98; Paul Moon, 98; Sir John Vergne, 115; Gen. Agamemnon, 110; Serial Star, 110; John Jr., 117; Trusty, 117; Little Florence, 101; Tom Craven, 109; Miss Manage, 110.

### NEW BOWLING RECORD

By United Press.  
Chicago, Feb. 18.—What is believed to be a world's bowling record was bunched up by P. Marino, Chicago, who bowled 1212 in five games in the national bowling tournament last night. S. Thoma, Chicago, went into the lead with a total of 364 18-50 in 80 games. Marino, with 358-20-50 in the same number of games, was second.

### TEAM WITHDRAWN IN BICYCLE RACE

By United Press.  
Chicago, Feb. 18.—A bad spill in the final lap of a sprint in the six-day bike race, caused the withdrawal of Henry Kockler, teamed with Reggie McNamara, and McBeath of the McBeath-Hanley team last night. Kockler suffered a displaced shoulder. McBeath has a torn ligament. Coburn and Lands lead in the 123rd hour.

## OFFICERS CALLED TO GET SECRET REPORT

At a secret rendezvous named by a mysterious informant, deputy sheriffs late Saturday were gaining information that may lead to the speedy arrest of a man already under suspicion in connection with the murder of William Desmond Taylor. The man who telephoned the sheriff's office said he was afraid to go to the district attorney with his story because threats had been made against his life. He intimated that he could give valuable information about the man who, for several days, has been suspected of concealing guilty knowledge of the picture director's death.

Friends of the man under suspicion threatened the life of the mysterious informant, he reported.

The man named a meeting place and the hour at which he said he would meet the investigators to reveal what he knows about the crime.

Considerable significance is attached to the anonymous informant's tip, as he let drop some facts that tally with information obtained by Deputy Sheriff Frank Dewar, touching the man under suspicion in connection with the murder. Some definite results was expected before night.

### O'CONNELL SIGNS LARGEST CONTRACT

By United Press.  
San Francisco, Feb. 18.—Jimmy O'Connell, first baseman for the Seals, today signed a contract for the 1922 season, giving him the largest "salary" ever paid a minor league player, according to Secretary George Putnam. O'Connell was sold last fall to the New York Giants for \$75,000 to report next year. Putnam announced O'Connell did not receive a part of the sum paid for him by John McGraw although O'Connell is reported to have told friends he wanted a \$10,000 bonus for signing. However, Putnam emphasized that O'Connell signed for the largest "salary" ever paid in a minor league.

### POLITICAL ROW TO SPLIT IOWA

By United Press.  
Washington, Feb. 18.—Appointment of C. A. Dawson to serve as a senator from Iowa until a successor to Senator Kenyon can be selected next November has added that state to the numerous battle grounds where republicans and democrats will fight it out for control of the senate.

Had Kenyon remained in the senate there would have been no senatorial contest this year. Now, however, the democrats will have a chance to contest for the place.

Representative Townner is considered one of the strongest aspirants for the republican nomination. Rawson, who will take his place in the senate soon after Kenyon leaves next week, is a wealthy manufacturer. He is not expected to join the farm bloc of which Kenyon was the head.

### MAY REPORT SEVEN FACTS NEXT WEEK

By United Press.  
Washington, Feb. 18.—Senate administration leaders intent to report the seven arms conference treaties from the foreign relations committee next week, if possible. They may be prevented by the demand of certain committee members for fuller information on Pacific fortifications.

### THOUGHT HE WAS SANDS



Ever see this fellow taking tickets at the P. E. station?

He's Walter F. Underwood who spoofed detectives working on the Taylor murder mystery. Yanked from a train, and jailed at Topeka, Kansas, he acted mysterious and said he could clear up the Taylor mystery. Sleuths thought he was Sands, the missing valet. Later they discovered that Underwood merely had an imagination. He'll be returned to L. A. to explain why he skipped. Warrant charges embezzlement.

### NEW SWIMMING RECORD

By United Press.  
Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 18.—A new world record for the 100 yard backstroke was set here by Johnny Weismuller of the Illinois Athletic club, time 1:06 3/5.

### NUNS RESCUE 100 IN BLAZE

Kiddies Dressed and Are Rushed to Safety.

By United Press.  
Chicago, Feb. 18.—Heroic work by a group of nuns during a fire at the Home for the Friendless here was credited today with saving lives of the 100 children inmates and preventing heavy damage.

The children, all under 12 years of age, were being tucked into bed on the third floor of the home when the sister superior noticed heavy smoke coming from the attic.

Concealing her agitation from the children, the sister summoned one squad of half a dozen nuns and directed them to get the children dressed quickly and out of the building. The other half dozen were given axes, hatchets and fire extinguishers and sent to the attic to attempt to extinguish the flames.

Flames burst through the ceiling as the last of the children were carried to safety, the sisters working with wet towels around their faces to protect them from the heat and smoke.

Although an immediate call to the fire department had been sent in, by the time the first apparatus arrived the sisters had the fire extinguished. Working bravely, they chopped the floors and ceiling to reach the fire. Facing the scorching heat without flinching, they poured the chemicals on the blaze and checked it with a loss of \$500.

### KID LEWIS WINS

By United Press.  
Brighton, England, Feb. 18.—Ted "Kid" Lewis, welterweight and middleweight champion of England, knocked out Tom Gummer, British middleweight, in the first round last night.

### LAST MINUTE NEWS

**WHISTLER WANTS ANOTHER CHANCE**  
Jimmy McDonald, Canadian heavyweight wrestler, today issued a challenge for a second mat meet with Young Hackenschmidt of Canada. He claims the recent decision against him was unfair.

**CRUSH GUATEMALA CITY REVOLT**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The commandant and 10 men were killed in a general uprising which occurred near Guatemala City, Thursday, according to a dispatch given out at the state department today. Order was later restored. The uprising probably was an aftermath of the recent revolution, it is said.

If you sneeze—go home—don't stay in crowds!

If your nose gets red—maybe you've got a cold—maybe you've got a mild case of the old-fashioned la grippe.

Anyway—rest is the best cure—rest and give your body a house-cleaning!

This is the advice given out Saturday by Dr. L. M. Powers, city health officer, who says that between 150 and 200 cases are reported daily to his office.

"It's really a mild form of la grippe," said Dr. Powers. "But precaution should be taken to keep it from spreading.

"My advice is: Avoid crowds. Do not visit your sick friends. Avoid ill-ventilated buildings. If you feel a cold coming on, go home. You not only can help yourself but you protect others."

### GRIPPE WAVE IS MILD FORM

"I do not believe there is a great deal of cause for worry over the prevalence of grippé in the city at the present time," said Mayor, Croyer Saturday.

"I have received some reports of sickness, but do not think the situation should be magnified. Of course, precautionary measures should be urged to keep all kinds of sickness at the minimum."

Although a number of cases of contagious grippé have been reported to the health commission, there appears to be no danger of a general epidemic, the mayor said.

### FIGHT SPRINT

City council on Friday appropriated \$2800 for the employment of 10 additional quarantine inspectors and two doctors for a period of 30 days. By that time the present number of cases in the city will be greatly decreased, it is believed.

According to reports, nearly all of the persons attacked have been but slightly inconvenienced.

If individuals observe simple precautions, medical men say that dangers of an epidemic will be avoided.

"There is a marked absence of pneumonia development," explained Dr. Ward Williams today. "If the public will keep to an abstemious diet and observe health rules it will help the situation. The present epidemic does not appear serious. It is a great deal like the old-fashioned grippé."

### FAMILY ALMOST WIPED OUT

By United Press.  
Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 18.—L. A. Dove, 55, and his three children are dead following a fire which destroyed Dove's home near Wheatland, late last night, according to reports here today. Mrs. Dove was the only survivor and is suffering from exposure.



2 CENTS--NIGHT WIRE EXTRA--2 CENTS

DRAIN LAKE FOR MISSING BABY

CHECK ALIBI OF TAXI

DRIVER IN MURDER

ONE MAN'S

--OPINION--

A LONG comes a scientist named Huxley and says a fellow can have twins any time he wants 'em.

With children's shoes at \$11, Mr. Huxley may have his twins and welcome.

If some clever biologist will show us how to make two pair of shoes grow where only a ragged set of uppers yawned above our tattered toes we would take science more seriously and more thankfully.

Which reminds me that if you will take a new pair of shoes and apply a coat of varnish to the soles they will last about twice as long.

ONE of the most interesting of the recent exhibits at the Sculptor's Guild was a modeling termed Our Hero. It represented a typical street corner beggar, stumps for arms, a shattered leg, and in his ragged lap a hatful of pencils. A war ribbon was in his buttonhole, and a sad wistful look was in his eyes and on his pensive, upturned face.

It had a punch, that little model; and it was done by a young Russian who is a day laborer, but who deserves to be given a chance to develop the genius that is in him. Nor is he the only day laborer in this man's town who is an artist unknown, with the divine spark consuming him, while a foolish world heaps its gifts on the altar of the belly gods.

HERE is American government at its source: "Now I recall that a number of times I have seen men going about the streets marking the 'goose nests,' the little round holes in the pavement caused by automobiles. It always takes two men, and sometimes three, to draw a chalk mark around these holes. One man will take a piece of chalk and draw one-third the circle, and the next will draw the next third, and the third man will complete the circle; when any ordinary man, with a piece of chalk in his hand, can draw the ring entirely himself in a moment. But they are supervisors of streets; there are too many officers and they have too much money."

Congressman Johnson of Kentucky in a recent speech anent the conduct of Washington civic affairs.

HOLLYWOOD-P. E.

HEARING DELAYED

The P. E. rate hearing on Hollywood problems has been postponed till March 20. The date, originally set for February 24, was set ahead, due to the illness of Paul J. Ost, city engineer of San Francisco, who was preparing data to lay before the railroad commission. A telegram addressed to Robert Young, attorney for the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, declared Ost had been ill for 10 days.

MILITARY SCHOOLS IN

ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Five military schools located around Los Angeles have formed an athletic council for baseball, tennis and track, according to Joe Rafferty. The schools in the newly organized conference are St. John's, Harvard, Los Angeles, Pasadena and Page military academies. They will start a ten-game baseball schedule April 12, and will hold a track meet about May 15.

You're Losing

Money

If you are not taking advantage of the opportunities offered in the "want" columns of The Record every day. If you have something you do not need sell it. If you want something which you feel you cannot buy, read the "For Sale" ads and see how cheaply they can be purchased.

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'TRUTH SERUM' HELPS POLICE

'Twilight Sleep' Turned to New Use By Science

CRIMINALS CANNOT TELL A LIE

By CHARLES R. LYNCH (United Press Staff Correspondent)

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 20.—Science today, for the first time, has triumphed over the cunning of criminals, Dallas authorities and physicians believed.

"Twilight sleep" first produced to make the pain of childbirth less intense, was declared to have been used successfully as a "truth serum" on persons in connection with criminal cases.

Ed Smith, accused of murder, was placed under the influence of the drug. He denied killing a man.

Police released him when persons who identified him refused to take the scalloped test.

At Fort Worth, John C. Miller, wounded in a battle between police and alleged bandits, was placed under the drug and police declared he answered questions straightforwardly as to an alleged bandit gang.

Smith was questioned at length. He denied throughout any knowledge of the death of Cottrell Lee, another negro, for which he was to have been tried today. Officers, however, were able to gain from him statements of his movements for the last ten years. These were checked and found to be true.

Today when Smith's case was called, District Attorney Hughes asked the two witnesses who had previously declared they had seen Smith kill Lee, if they would submit to the scalloped test to check their veracity. They indignantly refused.

The drug, according to physicians familiar with its use, tends to break down the will power and shatter the mental resistance of the criminal. Under its influence a desire is created to answer questions truthfully. The wish to hide or evade is submerged in the greater desire to answer and by careful questioning the truth is brought out.

Miller, until put under "twilight sleep," insisted that his name was John McMillen. One of the first questions asked him after the drug took effect was, "What is your name?"

"John Cornish Miller," he mumbled. Other facts which he revealed were checked and found to be correct.

Frantic Man Chafes

Over Slow Progress

By ELEANOR M. BARNES

Although the rain was beating down upon his overcoat and in his face, Arthur G. Hoppe trudged about the skiddy adobe pathway surrounding the lake at Echo Park today, trying to penetrate the muddy water of the pool with his anxious eye, for his baby son.

Hoppe believes the baby is buried in a watery grave—because little Arthur's tricycle was standing near the boathouse.

"Why can't the park authorities drain this lake?" he asks of passers-by. This is his comment:

"They could work on the lake now—but, you see, they haven't finished their job. On Saturday night they had drained it some—but on Sunday it was filled up again."

"Maybe—oh, maybe he's in there. God! If they could only relieve our minds. If we only knew he wasn't, we could get at something else."

Where Is He?



Called Fire Chief

"I've called up the fire department today. They always can be depended upon. Of course, I don't know whether they shall help us or not—but if the chief only knew how terrible it is for baby's mother and myself, surely something could be done."

The heavy rain pelted down on the man's face. His felt hat was caved in. His shoes and trousers legs were covered with the yellow mud. He needed a shave, but he was unashamed. The tears came to his eyes, and the moan of the giant eucalyptus trees that surrounded the lake made an uncanny chill come over the man who has not ceased his vigil since the baby's tiny vehicle was found.

He had walked around the lake fifty times or more.

Still the water has not revealed its secret.

Loiterers Gather

In the boathouse in the distance, a half-dozen loiterers gathered. They were playing a jazz record on the victrola, and the music could be heard all over the lake.

But the father did not heed.

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SANTA ANA PIONEER DIES

Santa Ana, Cal., Feb. 20.—James Davidson Ott, 81, for 51 years a resident of this county, died today. Before the separation of Los Angeles and Orange counties, Ott served as county supervisor from this section. In the early days he ran a ship lighter service at Anaheim landing.

"Woman Fired

Fatal Bullet",

Says Peavey

Daniel McShea, taxicab driver, whose disappearance the same day William Desmond Taylor was murdered caused the police to execute a search for him, was taken Monday afternoon by officers to see persons with whom he said he spent the night of the murder.

The taxicab driver was slated for further questioning late Monday. According to his first statement to District Attorney Thomas Lee Woolwine, he was many miles from the scene of the murder, Taylor's Alvarado street bungalow.

McShea went to police headquarters voluntarily when he learned Monday that the police were looking for him. Captain David L. Adams took him to the district attorney's office, where he was questioned for two hours by District Attorney Woolwine and Deputy W. C. Doran. Ben Smith, official shorthand reporter, took down every word.

Woolwine said late Monday that McShea had not yet been eliminated from consideration in the murder probe. There are many points to be cleared up, the district attorney stated.

McShea, who knew Taylor, having driven him on several occasions, abandoned his job and disappeared from home the afternoon of the day on which the motion picture director was murdered.

Police and deputy sheriffs working on the murder redoubled their efforts in the hope of finding some shred of evidence to substantiate the valet's "hunch."

For a "hunch" is all that Peavey's opinion is based upon. He has no proof to substantiate his conviction. Peavey has told his theory of the Taylor murder to District Attorney Woolwine, Undersheriff Eugene Biscailuz, Deputy Sheriff Harvey Bell and others. He first made the assertion several days ago, but it was not made public until Monday.

But it's only "hunch"

When brought before Undersheriff Biscailuz a few days after his master had been shot in the back, Peavey held up his right hand and exclaimed earnestly:

"As God is my witness, I believe that — killed Mr. Taylor!"

Peavey mentioned a woman's name which officials have not made public. He was so earnest in manner that he made a strong impression. He was hurried to Woolwine for a grilling.

But repeated questioning failed to reveal that Peavey had any knowledge of the crime.

He only had his "hunch."

Captain David L. Adams, who is leading the police investigation of

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LAST MINUTE NEWS

PETE HERMAN TO COME BACK

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 20.—Pete Herman, former lightweight champion, will make a third comeback start to the prize fight when he meets Billy Adler in a 15-round bout at the Texas Club.

PYTHAGORE WINS 61 GAMES

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Feb. 20.—The county was 61 of the 122 games at the San Bernardino national games today, the first in a 10-day series of basketball, football, baseball and track.

MARY PICKFORD AGAIN IN COURT

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Mary Pickford appeared in Federal Judge Mackel's court here today as defendant in a suit for \$100,000 brought by Mrs. Cora Clark Wilk. Mrs. Wilk, who alleges that she is due her share as a co-complainer for a contract between Mrs. Pickford and the Famous Players company in 1915. The case has been tried twice previously. One verdict was for the defendant. The other trial resulted in a jury deadlock.

KATO SENDS FAREWELL MESSAGE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Secretary Denny late today received a farewell message from Baron Kato, head of the Japanese delegation to the arms conference. The message, filed on the eve of the baron's departure from San Francisco expressed his "sincere thanks."

ILLNESS HALTS

KENNEDY TRIAL

Illness has halted the trial of Madalynne Obenchain for the murder of J. Belton Kennedy.

A number of state's witnesses, members of the prosecution's legal staff and jurors sitting on the case, were reported to be too ill to take part in the trial Monday when the case was called by Judge Reeve.

The trial will be resumed Thursday at 10 a. m.

Where Arthur C. Burch was on the night of the murder of Kennedy is promised as one of the revelations of Madalynne's attorneys during her trial for the slaying of Kennedy.

Although Burch's attorneys did not make an alibi for the bespectacled little fellow who has occupied the limelight in this great murder mystery, it is believed that Madalynne's defense will hinge on this salient point.

Where was Burch on the night of August 5?"

Two Loves to Meet

The two loves of J. Belton Kennedy will meet in Judge Reeve's court room soon.

The two loves—his mother, Mrs. J. D. Kennedy, and his sweetheart. These two women were bitter rivals for the affections of the slain man.

Today they are still bitter rivals, although the cause of their feud is buried beneath the sod of tragedy, mystery and sorrow.

Mrs. Kennedy, who at present is in Chicago, is expected to return to Los Angeles before the prosecution ends its case against Mrs. Obenchain.

However, her attorneys will attempt to show that:

Mrs. Obenchain did not visit Burch in his rooms at the Russell hotel;

That Mrs. Obenchain did not plot with Burch to slay Kennedy;

That Kennedy loved Mrs. Obenchain and was not trying to discard her, thus eliminating the prosecution's theory of the motive.

Frankie Conifrey To Box

Joe Coffey at Stadium

Frankie Conifrey, whose proudest boast is that it took Benny Leonard to stop him, has been matched with Joe Coffey for the main event at the Hollywood Legion boxing show Friday night. Coffey has only been beaten by Brown Brown here.

Hollywood's two bantamweight knockout sensations, Jimmy Dunn and Kid George, have been paired by Matchmaker Crowley for the semi-windup. Both boys won their last bouts at Hollywood by the one-punch route.

West African children, at a certain point—local fares to be 5 cents and age, have their teeth barked.



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## GIANT U. S. DIRIGIBLE EXPLODES

# L.A. MEN ABOARD

### ONE MAN'S --OPINION--

ARE you still living with your wife?  
That's fine, stick to it, the first hundred years are the hardest.

The best informed divorce attorney in the city says that if the newly weds stick it out two years they usually remain happily hooked to the end; that ought to be a part of the ceremony, that husband and wife mutually agree to bear and forbear for two years, it would leave hundreds of thousands of American homes intact that are annually wrecked through hate, haste and ignorance.

Another hint; nearly every newly made divorcee swears by all that is holy "never again," and the majority of them are married as soon as the law will let them.

Women are just like men in this respect, once bitten, twice eager.

YESTERDAY a very eager young woman called her attorney: "I have the date of my wedding set for tomorrow night, that's a year since I got my divorce, is it all right?"

The attorney looked in his file for a minute, then replied: "Postpone your wedding for two weeks, the judge did not sign the decree on the day the hearing was had, but two weeks later, and a year must elapse from the date of his signing before you can marry."

When he hung up, the attorney said: "Most of them are like that, even those who have been married and divorced several times."

MATRIMONY remains the truly great American sport, amusement activity, blunder or happiness, according to how yours has agreed with you.

The man who has lived with a woman for from 5 to 15 years and retains her confidence, faith, admiration and love has done the biggest thing in the world, and it isn't such a hard job at that; decency, an occasional expression of your love, loyalty to your home, that's about all she asks, it is damnable that so frequently she asks in vain.

### SHOOTS SELF IN LOVE QUARREL

Morrison. William Baker, 22, was in love.

A supposed quarrel with his sweetheart shortly after noon Tuesday caused young Baker to send a bullet through his head. He will die, police surgeons say.

Baker, a former member of the Royal Canadian Naval reserve, was a mechanic in a garage at 1304 Echo Park avenue. He had his sleeping quarters in a room above the garage.

According to J. F. Ormsby, owner of the garage, Baker has appeared downcast and morose for the past several days. He appeared even more disheartened this morning and finally went to his room. Ormsby heard a shot and rushing to the youth's room, found him lying in a pool of blood. A .32-caliber revolver lay near him.

Ormsby told Detective Sergeant Williams and Trainer that he brought Baker from El Paso, Texas, while en route across the country in an automobile. Baker originally came from Ridgeway in the province of Ontario, Canada, where his father, Albert T. Baker, now resides. The father was notified of his son's act by telegraph.

### SIX CLUB FIGHT DATE

The next boxing show of the Los Angeles Athletic club will be held on March 9. Matchmaker George Blake said Wednesday: If possible, Heavyweight Ralph Smith will be matched for the main event.

St. Louis department store has a large garage for free parking by customers.

### FAETH AND MAY REPORT FOR DUTY

Four more ball players reported for spring training to Manager Bill Easick of the Vernon club Tuesday, but were told to come back later in the week. The new arrivals were Elmer Hill, Jackie May, Tony Faeth and Dallas Leary.

May is a southpaw, and was obtained from the Beaumont club of the Texas league.

KILLEFER, LOCKARD ILL. Two prominent officials of the Los Angeles ball club were reported on the sick list Wednesday. Manager Wade Killefer and Business Manager Charlie Lockard were at their homes suffering from severe colds.

### TIA JUANA ENTRIES

First race, 5 1/2 furlongs: Applejack 192, Bessie Mack 191, Bessie 190, Black Top 111, Countess 111, China Jane 189, Infidel 184, Jessie Gorman 184, Little Princess 184, Montgomery Jr. 184, Marshall Tishman 112, Tom Cane 112. Second race, 6 furlongs: American Maid 112, Dora 184, Happy Valley 112, Loretta 112, Lavaca 112, Merry Lane 197, Orleans Girl 116, Pueblo 112, Redman 11, Sea Beach 149. Third race, 4 furlongs: Chalmers 112, Lela 197, Mucka 112, Manches 112, Nebraska 107, Plantagenet 109, Pier 107, Ringleader 112, Uranium 107. Fourth race, 1 1/4 miles: Alma B 199, Audrey K 184, Baby Sister 184, Booneville 118, Canute 184, Mistress Polly 195, Sea Beach 149. Fifth race, 1/2 mile: Juneville 184, Dan Hogan 112, Erase 112, Faber 112, Jewell J. 112, Judge Hansy 112, Lady Myra 189, Melachro 118, Mc Rose 118, Norfolk 112, Nancy Winer 118, Pat Hampton 115, smiling Vicer 115, Tide 109. Nevada entry, 7 furlongs: Shatter stable, 1180000. Sixth race, 5 1/2 furlongs, handicap: Starb Y 112, Moser Cap 149, Proceeding 92, Planet 96, Rapid Stride 184, Water Soot 193, Yodan 184. Parsons entry, 1/2 mile. Seventh race, 1 1/4 miles: Bob Baker 114, Buckhorn 109, Cavalcade 111, Commander 113, Deckhand 111, Glenwood 109, Louis Lachmund 182, Walter H. Pearce 111. Eighth race, 6 furlongs: Dr. Tubbs 88, Dainty Lady 182, Don Jose 184, Harry Burrows 182, Little Tomper 118, Orchid King 112, McLane 182, Vic 87.

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# 2 MEN LEAP FROM BURNING U. S. ROMA

By United Press.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 21.—Forty army flyers and civilian observers were reported killed today when the huge government dirigible Roma exploded near Norfolk. This estimate was made by Sergeant Peek, one of the survivors. At 4 p. m. the wreckage was still burning.

Twenty bodies had been removed. Nine severely injured men were taken to a hospital, where one, Lieutenant W. E. Riley, died.

Other estimates of the dead made at the army base, where the disaster occurred, ran as low as 28.

### 3 Survivors From Arcadia

By United Press.

Pasadena, Feb. 21.—Major J. J. Reardon, C. H. Welch and Sergeant Peek, named as being treated at the Army base hospital at Langley Field, following the explosion of the Roma, left here recently from Ross Field training school to complete their studies at Langley Field. Officers at the Arcadia balloon station are anxiously awaiting the list of the dead, as it is believed a large contingent of those that have gone east from here, may be numbered among the fatalities.

### ACTRESS AIDS TAYLOR PROBE

Peavey Grilled On Woman  
Slayer Theory.

Renewed activity in the Taylor murder investigation late Tuesday included the grilling of Henry Peavey, negro valet of the slain picture director, and important revelations made to the sheriff's office by a young motion picture actress.

Peavey was taken to the district attorney's office by two police detectives. District Attorney Thomas Lee Woolwine accompanied them.

Woolwine had been absent from his office for several hours, his mission believed to be some angle of the murder mystery.

Peavey was subjected to a long questioning by Woolwine and W. C. Doran, his chief deputy. Ben Smith, official court reporter, made notes of the quiz which was conducted behind locked doors.

It is understood that the questioning was intended to bring out some new evidence touching Peavey's oft repeated theory that Taylor was slain by a woman.

Another point upon which it is be-

The Roma, purchased from the Italian government, had been sent up from Langley Field, Va., for a trial spin in which it was expected to make 90 miles an hour.

It was reported that non-inflammable helium gas was removed and stored, as it was the only gas of the kind in the country, and ordinary dirigible gas substituted for the trial trip.

Officers at the army base near here expressed the belief the great air cruiser became unmanageable while flying low.

Soldiers at the base observed it approaching, not far from the ground, where the tail burst into flames.

Two men were seen to leap from the burning mass and drop earthward.

The huge craft plunged to the ground.

It was reported the rudder of the airship jammed and that the tail of the craft touched high voltage wires over the field.

Falls Flaming Mass  
The Roma burned fiercely after striking the ground, radiating such intense heat that the rescuers could not approach it.

The Roma was scheduled to leave Washington as soon as weather conditions would permit for an exhibition flight to the Pacific coast. It was to follow the route heretofore followed by airplanes in transcontinental flights, passing through Wheeling, Columbus, Dayton, Indianapolis, Springfield (Ohio), St. Louis, Denver and Los Angeles.

The big craft had a capacity of 1,100,000 cubic feet. Its length was 125 meters—approximately 400 feet.

Had Six Engines  
The ship had six engines of 480 horsepower—a total power capacity of 2,880 horsepower. Its maximum speed was 63 miles an hour. It could lift nearly 40,000 pounds and had a fuel capacity of about 26,000 pounds. It could fly for 100 hours without refueling.

The envelope of the big ship, which gave way, was composed of three layers of rubberized cotton.

The Roma was so constructed that it could be anchored at sea by use of conical fabric anchors.

It was finally purchased by the United States from the Italian government on February 3, 1921, and delivered on March 6.

Washington Confirms  
Official confirmation of the Roma disaster was given in a war department statement this afternoon. The statement said no details had been

### SURVIVORS

By United Press.

Norfolk, Feb. 21.—The following survivors from the disaster are at the army base hospital undergoing treatment:

CAPTAIN REED, pilot.  
WALTER A. McNAIR, bureau of standards, Washington.  
HARRY A. CHAPMAN, sergeant.

CHARLES DWORACK.  
MAJOR J. J. REARDON.  
C. H. WELCH.  
RAY HURLEY.  
SERGEANT PEEK.

### CHOOSING JURY TO TRY HEALER

Miracle Man Wears Palm  
Beach Suit.

Brother Isaiah Cudney, known as the "Miracle Man," went on trial before Judge Sherk Tuesday morning for the death of Margaret Dunbar of Pomona.

Selection of a jury to decide the fate of the aged healer charged with manslaughter began immediately.

Brother Isaiah appeared in court garbed in a white palm beach suit, Panama hat and white shoes. Several of his closest friends were with him.

Sits in Corner  
The Miracle Man sat sequestered in one corner of the courtroom while his attorneys Paul Schenck and Richard Kittrelle began to select the jury. He listened attentively to the questions asked by his counsel.

Deputy District Attorneys Powell and McCartney are prosecuting the case.

It was intimated Tuesday that the trial will last at least a week if not longer. Counsel on both sides hope to have a jury by Thursday at the latest.

Death Last Fall  
The charge against Brother Isaiah was brought following the death of Mrs. Margaret Dunbar of Pomona.

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received and was confined largely to a description of the large ship.

"The Roma fell this afternoon at 2 o'clock near the Norfolk army base," the statement said. "No details of the accident have been received."

The following telegram was received by the navy department from a navy official at Hampton Roads:

"Army dirigible Roma caught fire and fell to the ground near army base at Norfolk about 2:10 p. m."

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### NEWS DIGEST

WEATHER—  
For Los Angeles and vicinity—Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday.

LOS ANGELES—  
"Brother Isaiah" Cudney, faith healer, goes on trial; charged with manslaughter. Find body of missing 2-year-old boy in Echo park lake.

Charge plot to place motion picture industry under thumb of Wall street. Motion picture star gives secret information to investigators of Taylor murder case.

Madalynne Obenshain becomes devotee of palmistry.

Truck skids into sewer excavation at city jail; traffic blocked.

Mrs. Johnstone, who killed husband, says she will never wed again.

William D. Taylor's funds, banked in New York, found depleted.

COAST—  
Riverdale woman missing from San Francisco boat.

WASHINGTON—  
Harding names foreign debt refunding commission.

Soldier bonuses has politicians between devil and deep sea.

Harding in favor of postponing bonus.

EAST AND ABROAD—  
Norfolk—Giant airship Roma explodes, killing 40.

Chicago—Farm-labor body delays organizing.

Chicago—Miners call wage scale plan for March 2.

Fawcett, R. I.—Two killed, many hurt in textile riot.

Alton, S. C.—Mother and three children die in flames.

### LAST MINUTE NEWS

LATEST OFFICIAL LIST OF SURVIVORS

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The official list of Roma survivors, as reported to the navy department by radio, includes: First Lieutenant Clarence H. Welch; father, W. B. Welch, Patton, Neb. Captain Walter J. Reed; father, William F. Reed, Scarsdale, N. Y. Major John R. Reardon; wife, Mrs. John R. Reardon, 300 Elm street, Washington, D. C. Sergeant Vaden Peek; father, Howard Peek, 2304 Lafayette avenue, Terre Haute, Ind. Sergeant Harry A. Chapman; mother, Mrs. J. R. Ward, 1626 Frederick avenue, St. Joseph, Mo. Sergeant Joseph M. Biedenbach; father, George Biedenbach, 811 East Market street, Akron, Ohio. Charles I. Dworack, Ray Hurley, — Burton.

### ARMY BOARD TO INVESTIGATE

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—An army board of inquiry to investigate the Roma disaster probably will be appointed tomorrow, it was learned at the war department today. Major General Patrick, chief of the army air service, who rushed to the scene in an airplane, is making a first-hand investigation today.

### HACKENSCHMIDT ACCEPTS

GLENDALE, Cal., Feb. 21.—John Hackenschmidt, local heavyweight wrestling champion, today accepted the challenge of Jack McDonald, Canadian heavyweight champion, to a second meeting on the mat. He is ready to post forfeit.

# 43 KILLED WHEN ZR-2 EXPLODES

The Roma tragedy is the second big air disaster experienced by the government in a little more than six months.

Both dirigibles were purchased from foreign governments and built abroad at terrific expense.

The previous disaster was the wreck of the ZR-2 on August 24, 1921, over the Humber river near Hull, England. It was then the world's largest heavier-than-air ship.

The dirigible exploded and fell in flames, carrying 16 Americans and 27 British to their deaths.

Two men escaped in parachutes. The dirigible had just completed an all day and all night trial trip and was ready to be turned over to the American crew for a flight to Lakehurst, N. J.

After the historic disaster America agreed to pay the British government one-half the cost of the big dirigible.

The shock from the detonations aboard the ZR-2 was felt for 50 miles and pedestrians in Hull were swept off their feet, wire reports of the ZR-2 tragedy stated.

The airship was flying at a great height. As the explosion occurred she broke in two parts, one falling in the Humber.

The ZR-2 was the third big British ship to collapse, according to C. W. Sirch, Los Angeles engineer who had advised the American government not to purchase the dirigible. Nearly all British ships were defective in design, he said. Soon after the disaster the United States announced the purchase of the Roma.

## Eye Witness Tells of Giant Roma Disaster

Norfolk, Feb. 21.—A graphic account of the disaster was given by E. L. Potter, an employee at the army base, who was watching the Roma flying over the base and saw the airship fall.

"The Roma was sailing along nicely at about 2000 feet up, I should judge, when something seemed to go wrong," he said.

"The big ship began to teeter about as if her steering apparatus had collapsed. Then she started to come down, nose first. She came slowly at first and I saw men on the ship throwing things out—bags, I guess. As she came faster, more things were thrown out, then I saw two men leap from the ship with parachutes."

"By the time they jumped they were too close to the ground for their parachutes to catch the air."

"When the ship neared the ground, the rear end hit some high electric wires and immediately there was a crash and a wall of flame shot into the air, hundreds of feet."

"The men who were taken out alive managed to get clear of the airship and jumped away from her before the explosion."

### Wise Socrates! Venerable Greek Sage!

Condemned to die, about to drink the deadly hemlock, yet he executed one last stroke of masterful intellect and judgment—to sell his house and automobile, he put an Ad in The Record Classified Columns!

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# CONFESION IN FILM MURDER FORGER TELLS OF BURIED GUN

## ONE MAN'S --OPINION--

ALMOST everybody misses most of the joy in life because almost everybody persists in hanging onto the heels of everybody else, and never doing anything that somebody hasn't done, or isn't doing.

On Sundays Los Angeles county cranks the flivver and goes forth to renew its youth, to get in touch with the sun, the soil, the winds and the fresh wilds where the eternal is unhampered.

So Los Angeles county cranks up and by the tens of thousands herds itself to the nearest patch of beach where there are lots of hot dogs and plenty of whirligigs, and an occasional wave.

PACKED like silly sardines, humanity beds itself down under a wharf with two feet of sand and a snow drift of waste Sunday papers heaped about it and proceeds to renew its youth.

Five miles away there is a beach that stretches for miles, a beach where there are not a dozen people in half a mile, a beach where the sweep of the ocean is unimpeded, and where moonstones and sea agates and bits of marble from the sea caves make a glittering treasure trove at the breakers' edge. But nobody bothers this beach because there are no hot dogs, no bathing girls, no parade, and no monkeys in a cage.

HALF a dozen boulevards are so densely packed from 3 p. m. Sunday with traffic that it takes hours to pass a given point, and in the hills a few miles away there wind wonderful roads to the very clouds; roads that slip up and up under live oak, with a stream of crystal purity babbling all the way. And not an auto in two miles through these wonders.

There are a hundred wonders in a swing of half a day's driving from this city, and ninety per cent of them are never discovered by ninety per cent of those who need to renew their kinship with nature and nature's god.

A hot dog age, in verity.

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## FIELDS ASSERTS HE DROVE AUTOMOBILE FOR SLAYER

Claiming to have driven an automobile in which the slayer of William Desmond Taylor rode to the motion picture director's bungalow, Harry M. Fields, under arrest in Detroit, was giving directions by wire, late Wednesday, to enable Los Angeles authorities to hunt for the murder gun.

The weapon is buried in a designated spot, according to Fields, who has made a complete confession to the Detroit authorities.

Fields said he drove two women, a white man and a Chinese to the Taylor house at 404-B South Alvarado street the night of the murder.

After the crime was committed the murderer escaped in the same automobile, and in the presence of Fields buried the revolver with which he had shot the prominent picture director in the back.

Fields is known as "the Chink," and is said to be a member of a dope ring extending around the United States.

He is supposed to be known in Hollywood, and deputy sheriffs were searching there late Wednesday for acquaintances.

Sheriff W. I. Traeger has telegraphed Sheriff Coffin at Detroit to hold Fields and get every detail of his story.

Just how much credence can be placed in his amazing confession will have to be determined later.

One detail of the story he told in Detroit provided the sheriff's office with a hard clue to run down. Fields stated that the murder car was a Ford sedan.

The man under arrest in Detroit is said to be a drug addict himself. He was taken into custody together with three other men Tuesday night. They all were wanted on charges of issuing fictitious checks.

District Attorney Thomas Lee Woolwine and Police Captain David L. Adams were supposed to be investigating some angle of the Fields confession late Wednesday. Both were mysteriously absent.

Wire Examination  
A cross-examination of Fields is being conducted by wire, the Los Angeles authorities being the questioners. So far, Fields' answers substantiate his claim that he knows the circumstances of Taylor's death.

Color is given to Fields' story by the report from Detroit that the man

## N.C. Police Chief Asks Description Of Sands

By United Press.

CONCORD, N. C., Feb. 22.—Police Chief Talbot today wired to Los Angeles for a detailed description of Edward F. Sands, following the arrest here of a man who gave the name of Harvey Adams, but who is said to resemble the missing valet of W. D. Taylor, the murdered film director. The police said that Adams bore many of the marks mentioned in a general description of Sands. The prisoner said he was a bookkeeper from Richmond, Va.

Information from Richmond as to Adams' record there was also awaited here.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 22.—Chief of Detectives Wright of the Richmond police force this afternoon advised Concord, N. C., police that Harvey Adams, held on suspicion he might be Edward F. Sands, missing valet in the Taylor murder case, is a resident of Richmond and suggested his release.

under arrest there is a member of a national dope ring operating in Los Angeles, members of which are known to many of the local studio employees.

Fields was taken into custody together with three companions when they drove into the Michigan city Tuesday night in a Ford automobile. Fields declared that one of the

men arrested with him was responsible for Taylor's assassination. Police and county detectives were engaged in following other leads Wednesday.

Undersheriff Eugene Biscailuz and Deputy Dewar, who have been working on the theory that a woman killed William Desmond Taylor, are

aperture, Chapman stood to one side and is reported to have yelled at his companions: "Get out of here and be d— quick about it."

The fire had broken through and was eating its way rapidly toward the huddled men. Quickly they scrambled through the hole,

## FORGER NAMES TAYLOR SLAYER

By United Press.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 22.—Harry N. Fields, convicted forger, claimed today to know the details of the murder of William D. Taylor, movie director slain in Los Angeles. He named the assailants and local officials immediately got in touch with Los Angeles authorities.

Fields gave police names of three men with whom he said he fled from Hollywood on the night of the Taylor murder. One of these three was directly implicated in the murder by Fields. All were members of the "dope ring," Fields claimed.

A list of test questions regarding movements of Taylor and the person named by Fields as the slayer were wired back by the Los Angeles officials. When these questions were put to Fields he answered them clearly and there was no conflict in

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## LAST MINUTE NEWS

MAN SHOT IN L. A. TONG WAR

What is believed to be the first shot in a local Tong war was fired Wednesday when Lam Kee, 41, was shot by an unknown gunman in Ferguson Alley, Chinatown.

Kee, at the receiving hospital refused to make a statement, but Detective Sergeant Williams and Tinnor say they believe it is a battle between two Tong.

Kee lives at 1504 East Ninth street and is a fruit peddler. He was walking past the alley on Marchant street, when the assassin shot, the bullet entering the left side of the stomach and making an exit through the right side just below the ribs.

At the receiving hospital police surgeon performed a major operation to save the Chinaman's life. It was stated that he may live.

AMERICAN DERBY STARTS

ASHTON, Idaho, Feb. 22.—Ray Sprague called to his dogs at 1 p. m. sharp and began muzzling his way over the 1000 trail in the American derby. He was the first of nine entrants to start. The others were scheduled to follow him at intervals of a few minutes.

SCHOONER BURNING IN GULF

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 22.—A four-masted schooner is burning 30 miles off South Pass, according to a wireless message from the steamer Sardinia, received here today.

PARIS, Feb. 22.—Divorce suit of the Duchess of Talleyrand, formerly Anna Gould, was postponed until the next session of the divorce court.

## COURT OF INQUIRY PROBES DISASTER

By United Press.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 22.—Army air service experts today put under way their investigation to determine the cause of the disaster to the American airship Roma, in which 34 were killed and 11 injured.

Stark and flame-seared, the twisted steel skeleton that had been the queen of American skies lay near the Norfolk mud flats, its charred remains concealing many of the secrets the air service experts will seek to probe.

"None will ever know what caused her to collapse," one officer from Langley field said.

Practically every one of the 34 victims was burned to death, officers and physicians said today. Most of the bodies were identified by trinkets.

Major General Patrick, chief of the army air service, Washington, was on the ground with an army court of inquiry to determine the blame. While the court will require several days to complete its investigation, indication was that the crew would be exonerated and the cause of the crash reported as "unknown."

Shut Off Motors  
The consensus of opinion is that Captain D. L. Mabry, commander of the Roma, in making the turn over the army base failed to allow for the increased power. The rudder broke under the unusual strain, jamming into the controls. This occurred at

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## TIA JUANA ENTRIES

First race, 5 furlongs: Blaker 111, Cannon 106, Kimona 96, Maxine 100, McCracken 111, Queen Lady 104, Spilling Anna 111, Squirrel Hawkins 114, Trumbull Call 96, Unobtainable 106, Vodka 106, Valentine Lady 111.

Second race, 5 furlongs: Bar A 104, Blue Van 111, Contraband 111, Chrome 108, Clancy Carl 111, Dowsy 104, 92, Poeman 111, L. W. Harper 105, Missoula 111, Montgomery Jr. 111, Vera Wood 109, You Bet 111. \*Irwin entry.

Third race, 5 furlongs: Art Rick 108, Beanie Mack Y 106, Bonnet of Blue 109, \*Crispie 111, Daisy N 106, Grace W. 111, Miss Clark 104, Miss Krug 105, Missoula 111, Montgomery Jr. 111, Vera Wood 109, You Bet 111. \*Irwin entry.

Fourth race, 1 mile: Country 91, Canvahek 109, Fond Hope 109, Hot Foot 105, Lepharm 107, Mistake 111, Plantagenet 109, Spenson 104.

Fifth race, 1 mile, handicap: \*Capt. Clover 111, Dr. Tubbs 92, Indian Prince 101, South Breeze 106, Tom Craven 108, Wedding Prince 111. \*Jewell entry.

Sixth race, 5/8 furlongs: Blacktop 108, Clear the Way 107, Cover Up 110, Lohela 109, Jodie Gorman 105, Merry Lane 112, McMurphy 110, Rosa Altin 108, Tom Caro 112, Velvet 108.

Seventh race, 4 1/4 furlongs: C. A. Comiskey 111, Hazel Dale 116, Kinglike 110, Mabel M. 102, Miss Dunbar 99, Roson 111, Sister Sula 111.

Eighth race, 5/8 furlongs: Bill Head 109, Clear 111, \*Crispie 111, \*Early 109, 112, Chofmaster 111, Harry Burgoyle 107, Harry D. 112, Jack Led 110, Mankin 111, Perch 110, \*Blow Steel 107, \*Hafferty 111. \*Irwin entry, 100th entry.

## NEWS DIGEST

LOS ANGELES—

Brother Isaiah Cudney, known as the "Miracle Man," says he will be acquitted of manslaughter charges.

Oscar Thompson, alleged wife slayer, attempts suicide in county jail.

Fight launched for district representation in city council.

Man faces 50-year sentence for 15-cent holdup.

Utilities board to hold hearing March 13 on gas service.

Evidence in Brother Isaman manslaughter trial starts Thursday.

Suspend new patrolman for taking \$2 from negro.

Bandits raid Central avenue street car, take \$25, escape.

Taylor murder probes await word from men arrested in Detroit and Concord, N. C.

COAST—

San Francisco—Arbuckle gets bill for two trials.

San Francisco—Schumann-Heink's son sued for divorce.

San Francisco—Pacific ship plan awaits Harding's action.

San Francisco—Man dies hour after marriage.

WASHINGTON—

Congress may refuse appropriations for dirigible development.

EAST AND ABROAD—

El Paso—Head of Mexican revolt reported wounded.

Chicago—Railroad men not to back miners in strike.

Norfolk, Va.—Court probes Roma disaster which resulted in death of 34 and injury of 11.

Since Dec. 1, 1918, Iceland has been recognized as an independent state, although it has the same king as Denmark.

## SERGEANT IS HERO OF ROMA TRAGEDY

By United Press.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 22.—The outstanding hero of the Roma disaster is Sergeant Harry A. Chapman, officers at Langley field said this afternoon, after interviewing the survivors.

When the ship crashed to the ground, Chapman and a number

of men were imprisoned in a cabin at the forward end. Chapman was the only one in possession of a knife. He was stunned for a moment and his companions tore frantically at the sides of their narrow prison, spurred by the sinister hissing of the flames as they bit through one end of the gon-

dola.

Chapman recovered, and sensing the situation at a glance, attacked the side of the car with his knife. Working desperately against time he managed to hack a hole big enough to permit the escape of one man at a time.

Instead of leaping through the

aperture, Chapman stood to one side and is reported to have yelled at his companions: "Get out of here and be d— quick about it."

The fire had broken through and was eating its way rapidly toward the huddled men. Quickly they scrambled through the hole,

Chapman helping them out. By the time the last of them pitched out the hole the flames were licking at Chapman's body. He managed to throw himself through the hole. He sustained serious burns about the hand, face and body and is in a serious condition. Physicians believe he will recover.

## You're Losing Money

If you are not taking advantage of the opportunities offered in the "want" columns of The Record every day. If you have something you do not need sell it. If you want something which you feel you cannot buy, read the "For Sale" ads and see how cheaply they can be purchased.

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# ACCUSE TRIO IN TAYLOR CASE

## Police Comb Shrubbery For Hidden Gun

ONE MAN'S  
--OPINION--

# FIND EARL ROGERS DEAD

If you have joined the awestricken parade through the big stores this week you know that ma is going to be some gay chicken this summer.

Awestricken is the only word that will express the static state the women go into when the new spring modes are bursting upon their dazzled gaze. Silent, solemn parades of women going up and down, weaving like tribal dancers before the sacred totem; women thrill with the thought of spring hats, and spring coats and summer hats and silk sweaters, and the other things that are supposed to renew the youth of ma every spring.

Well, anyhow, if you have cast a dull masculine eye over these exhibits you will know that we are in for a right bright season. There is old rose and green, gold, and pale pink and royal blue, and a score of pastel, fragile, hectic shades and tones that heretofore have only been seen on artists' palettes.

THE day is gone when mother thinks bright tones do not agree with her. The day is gone when grandmother allows the world to guess what she does her walking with; bright hues, silk stockings, the slim lines of girlhood, and the hair modes of a classy head waitress, these are all welcomed by ma and grandma, by aunt and great aunt, until the weak man is led astray frequently for a block or two before he catches up and glimpses at the face of the charmer whose rear elevation he was worshipping at.

The silly old ancients had an idea that dress must express the thought, and the life, and the environment of its wearer; the garb was the outer indication of the inner state. But no more: dress today is what some feverish designer decided it should be and, outside the narrow confines of the dramatic clique, no gowns are made for those that wear them. And whether the woman is sallow in burnt orange, or yellow in green, matters not at all if burnt orange or sea green is the mode.

And they say they do it all for the men; yes they do, not.

### NOTED LAWYER DIES SUDDENLY

Heart Trouble Is Believed Responsible.

Earl Rogers, one of the most famous criminal lawyers in Southern California, was found dead shortly after noon Thursday in his room at a Broadway hotel.

The cause of Rogers' death is not known. It is believed that he dropped dead suddenly from heart trouble.

#### Dead Long Time

Rogers had been dead from 10 to 12 hours, Coroner Nance stated. He was disrobed and had evidently started to wash his hands before retiring for the night. His body was found near a washstand where he had fallen. His death was attributed to heart trouble and a general breakdown.

Rogers' body was found by George Ellis, an attorney, connected with Paul Schenck and Richard Kirtelle. Ellis had gone to Rogers' room to confer with him on legal matters and finding the door locked, had it opened with a pass key.

Rogers had lived at the Broadway hotel only about two weeks, according to the hotel clerk.

Jogers' health failed him several years ago and he never recovered. He did however go back to his law work, but never was the man of old. To every barrister, jurist and to

hundreds of citizens the name Rogers was like the name President Harding.

At the mention of it, sensational cases of bygone days immediately were recalled to the minds of those who heard it.

At the height of his career, was one of the finest looking attorneys in Los Angeles.

Upon his appearance, he was always immaculately dressed. He wore always a frock coat, winged collars and patent leather shoes.

Rogers always used strategy in court. Opposing witnesses feared him like they feared death.

He would fire question upon question at the witness and would enmesh them in such a web of their own words that in few instances were they able to wriggle out.

During the past month Rogers maintained offices in the International bank building. His appearance in court however were few.

It would almost be impossible to enumerate the sensational court cases, both criminal and civil that Rogers appeared in.

Perhaps the most spectacular was when he defended Clarence Darrow, noted attorney, charged with bribery. Darrow represented the McNamara brothers. After their trial the bribery charge was lodged against Darrow.

The case was before a jury in superior court for many weeks. It cost the county thousands of dollars to conduct the prosecution. The jury disagreed, but Darrow was never brought to trial again. This was about eight or ten years ago.

Another sensational case was that of Charles Sebastian, then mayor of the city of Los Angeles and former chief of police.

Sebastian was tried on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor child. He was acquitted. Rogers also played a prominent part in the San Francisco graft cases ten years ago.

As for civil suits, he was famous as a divorce court lawyer. He represented some of the city's most prominent men and women during their marital strife and battles in court.

Rogers' body was removed to the funeral parlors of Edwards, Gamish and Heath at the instance of Coroner Nance.

It is probable that Coroner Nance will order a post mortem examination to determine the cause of death.

Besides a former wife, since remarried, Rogers is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Adele Rogers St. Johns, and a son, Captain Bogart S. Rogers.

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### VICTIM'S SONS ACCUSE HEALER

First Witnesses In Trial of Miracle Man.

Brother Isaiah, his white hair shining like a halo, sat erect in the witness row following the noon recess in Judge Shenk's court Thursday and heard Edward Dunbar, son of Margaret F. Dunbar, recite how he had carried his mother first to Miracle Hill then to Venice and later to the Vaguerio rancho, in a fruitless effort to save her life, but the old gentleman looked neither on and refused to be perturbed at evidence meant to crush him.

The witness never looked toward Brother Isaiah as he related the circumstances that led to his mother's death.

#### Quiz Witness

Deputy District Attorneys Powell and Fitts quizzed Dunbar regarding his mother's health prior to the treatment given her by the man believed by many to be a "Divine Healer."

At the afternoon session extra chairs were placed in Judge Shenk's court to admit followers, who swear by Brother Isaiah's healing and teachings.

Dunbar was on the stand nearly the entire morning and was called again following the noon recess. He will probably be on all afternoon.

Mrs. Dunbar was suffering severely from ankylosis—her arms and legs paralyzed. Three months later, on September 7, Dunbar wheeled his mother in a chair to the Vaguerio rancho on Santa Monica boulevard. Brother Isaiah manipulated her bones and commanded her to stand. She died as the result.

This was the testimony given Thursday in Judge Shenk's court by Dunbar, who is a chief witness in the prosecution of Isaiah Cudney, on trial for manslaughter. Deputy District Attorneys Powell and Fitts are prosecuting.

Witnesses for the prosecution will include doctors who had treated Mrs. Dunbar during her illness, which extended over a number of years. They are: Dr. Frank R. Webb, Dr. Paul Edwards, Dr. John Dunlop, Dr. F. C. Swearingen and Dr. R. F. Rohling. The prosecution expects to finish its case Friday night.

Paul W. Schenck, chief counsel for Brother Isaiah, said that he expected to complete the defense case by Monday night.

The crowd that usually congregates in Superior Judge Reeves' court where Madalynne Obenchain is on trial for the murder of J. Belmont Kennedy has swarmed to the room where the "divine healer" faces his peers.

Brother Isaiah heard A. F. Wagner, county autopsy surgeon, tell the jury how Mrs. Dunbar died as the result of injuries she had received. The prosecution claims that Mrs. Dunbar met her death last summer as the result of manipulations upon her body made by the powerful hands of the white-bearded man, whose activities during the past year have caused much comment and interest.

### Why Would Dope Gang Murder Taylor? Because He Declared War On Peddler This Is Basis For Believing Harry M. Fields



DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 23.—The story of the murder of William Desmond Taylor, movie director, told by Harry M. Fields checks with the Los Angeles police belief that a "dope ring" directed the murder. This announcement was made by Sheriff Coffin today, following receipt of advices from Los Angeles police stating that Fields' story tallies with their theory. Fields declared Taylor was killed when he tried to prevent a film actress from again falling a victim of dope after he had once rescued her. Taylor had beaten up one member of the dope ring, and they feared he would ruin the dope business, Fields declared. Fields was being held here awaiting sentence on charges of forgery when he told of knowing details of the Taylor killing.

The theory that Taylor might have been slain by dope peddlers, because of the motion picture director's attempts to keep them from preying on a film actress, was advanced immediately after the mysterious slaying. Close associates of Taylor discussed the theory, after one well known motion picture star advanced the theory. Taylor was said to have been deeply interested in saving the actress from the ravages of narcotics.

## Kennedy Murder Scene Enacted In Courtroom

"Something terrible has happened. I saw two roughly dressed men come onto the road. Is there a doctor in the canyon?"

George Deering, engineer, who came upon Madalynne Obenchain immediately following the slaying of J. Belmont Kennedy, late Thursday re-enacted before a jury in Judge Reeves' court, where Mrs. Obenchain is on trial, the scene in the glen immediately following the murder.

Mrs. Obenchain, standing by the boulevard, waved her hand frantically at him and commanded him to stop, he said. She shouted that something terrible had happened and that she wanted a doctor. "Have you got a gun?" asked Mrs. Obenchain as George Deering stopped his automobile.

Through a gripping recital of the incidents following the slaying of her sweetheart, Mrs. Obenchain sat in the courtroom, tense and white-faced. The word picture of the tragic night was vividly painted by Deering who illustrated his points by a photograph of the glen. He told how he focused the lights of his automobile upon the cabin steps so that the body of the man was plainly visible.

Deering told the jury how he examined the body of Kennedy as it lay crushed against the step.

When Mrs. Obenchain found out that Kennedy was dead, according to Deering, she screamed, "My God, why did they do it?"

Before a courtroom held spell-bound, Mrs. Martha Ollinger, a charwoman, through an interpreter, told the jury that Madalynne, on the night before Kennedy was murdered, had stood in the doorway of a candy shop across the street from the Laughlin building and waved her handkerchief.

Mrs. Ollinger was the "surprise witness" who, it was promised, would actually identify Mrs. Obenchain as having been near the offices of the slain man at some time before Kennedy's death. She proved the state's star witness Thursday.

The charwoman, in a gray sweater, blue skirt, no hat and broad working shoes, said through an interpreter that she had worked for nine years in the Laughlin building.

"Do you know Mrs. Obenchain?" asked Asa B. Keyes, deputy district attorney.

"By name I don't know nobody," she replied. "But I saw the lady."

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### TIA JUANA ENTRIES

First race, 5 1/4 furlongs: Bookworm 184, Curlew 113, Coffee John 112, L. W. Cooper 115, Pioneer 111, Knights of Pythias 112, Little One 158, Modest 111, Maudie 111, McCroan 112, Red Cloud 184, Rockbridge 188, You Bet 111.

Second race, 5 furlongs: "Crispale" 191, Chasman 189, Clear the Way 112, Dorothy 184, Hattie Will Do 184, Little Princess 184, Lady Lane 111, Master Franklin 184, Marshall Tighman 188, Perfect Day 111, Rosa Atkins 189, "Irwin" entry.

Third race, 5 furlongs: Alaskan 184, Ashton 181, Castle Crown 184, Clear Lake 184, Cleary Kay 184, Galloway 112, Montgomery Jr. 184, St. Pierre 184, Tald 184, Tom Carr 112.

Fourth race, mile and 70 yards: Dallowood 189, Lola 116, Maudie Y 184, Mistress Polly 119, Petal 114, Sea Beach 112, Sippa 112.

Fifth race, 6 furlongs: Gen. Agamemnon 116, Little Florence 181, Mida 189, Polly 184, Sister Susan 184, Wildflower 184.

Sixth race, 1 1/16 miles: Alma R. 184, Argentine 118, Baby Sister 184, Corbetta 112, Debra 184, Judge David 112, Lady Josephine 112, Montana 112, Martine Mignon 184, Miss Krug 184, Marie Conwell 184, Zedias 184.

Seventh race, 6 furlongs: Bassano Boy 112, Chardonn 118, Hal Wright 84, Laura Cochran 182, Poacher 187, Sadie L. 118, Sample 84, Tambian 110, Nellie Harper 84.

Eighth race, 6 furlongs: Chalmaster 112, Col. Murphy 112, Gidding 117, Dora 184, Early Morn 117, Happy Valley 115, Mike Dixon 114, "Haffery" 117, W. C. Doolley 182, "Irwin" entry.

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## TAYLOR SLAIN FOR REVENGE

Although further search late Thursday failed to uncover the gun with which William Desmond Taylor is believed to have been killed, an important piece of fresh information touching the murder was in the hands of Undersheriff Eugene Biscailuz and investigators engaged in the man hunt were greatly encouraged by the day's developments.

The grounds in the neighborhood where the revolver is reported to have been hidden by Taylor's slayer are thick with shrubbery and vines.

It may require a search of several days to locate the weapon. Property owners in the fashionable Alvarado street district were asked to aid by having their own grounds thoroughly searched.

Undersheriff Biscailuz stated late Thursday that he had a new and important piece of information from Detroit which could not yet be made public. Every available member of the county criminal force was out on the murder case.

Full details of the crime, including the names of the alleged slayers, were given out in Detroit, Thursday, by Harry M. Fields, a prisoner of the sheriff there.

The story told by Fields has all the picturesque elements of a sordid melodrama. The startling revelations made by the prisoner and his well-connected story caused local authorities to believe that they are on the threshold of a speedy solution to the baffling murder mystery that has stirred a continent.

A narcotic peddler, a Chinese and a white woman known as "Jennie" composed the party which Fields drove to Taylor's house in a Ford sedan, according to his full confession just received by wire from the Michigan city. (The name of each member of the party is in the hands of the authorities.)

The gang had come from a "hop joint" in Venice, where, according to Fields, they had hatched the murder plot in a dingy curtained room reeking with the fumes of opium.

They left the Venice hang-out at 3 p. m. and drove to Hollywood. From there they went to Taylor's house, arriving shortly before 8.

The Chinaman had an old-fashioned pearl-handled .38-caliber revolver. Jennie also had a pistol. Fields thinks the other man was armed as well.

While he waited in the automobile after the others had scattered about the vicinity, Fields thinks he heard a shot. His accomplices came running.

The Chinaman buried the revolver under some object about 30 feet up a court, which Fields remembers as being across from the Taylor house at 404-B Alvarado street.

Weapon Is Hidden  
After the weapon was hidden the gang drove away, Fields and the Chinaman went to a day and night bank, where the Chinese paid the other man \$900. The money was from a \$1000 note which was changed at the cashier's window, Fields says.

Fields and the Chinese took a night train for Seattle. There they separated, Fields going on to Kansas City and from that place to Buffalo, where he was arrested.

A hurried search of Chinatown following the revelation made in Detroit resulted in establishing the fact that the Chinaman has been missing since about the day of the murder.

Deputy sheriffs are trying to find somebody who knew the white man and woman. If they also have disappeared Fields' story will be further confirmed.

Here's Detail Story  
The detailed story of the crime as told by Fields to Sheriff Coffin in Detroit follows:

"We had been in the hop joint in Venice all afternoon. It was a small, dark room, heavily curtained. None of the bulls knew where it was located. All of the gang were shooting the needle or hitting the pipe. "During the afternoon the plan of the murder was worked out so that there could be no failure this time. We already had made two or three trips to Taylor's house, but had never been able to get him outside. "We left the joint at 3 o'clock and I drove the Ford sedan to Hollywood. From there we went to Taylor's house on Alvarado street, reaching there a little before 8 o'clock. I drove about nine doors past the court where Taylor lived, and parked across the street. "The others got out of the car. I waited in the driver's seat. W— had one of those old-fashioned pearl-handled .38's that break in the middle. Jennie had a revolver, and I am sure that C— was also armed. "While I waited in the car, I thought I heard a shot. Right away the gang came hurrying up to the automobile. The girl had been acting as lookout from the sidewalk. "W— went down the street a little ways and hid his gun under something about 30 feet up a court—way across from Taylor's house. Then we all got into the car and drove away from there. "We left the others out at different places. W— took me to some day and night bank, the name of which I don't remember, and there paid me \$900, cashing a \$1000 note and putting the other \$100 in his pocket."

### NEWS DIGEST

WEATHER—For Los Angeles and vicinity—Partly cloudy tonight and Friday.

LOS ANGELES—Third Santa Fe Springs gasser covers home with mud.

Hollywood opens drive for 60 Philharmonic orchestra outdoors concert.

Expose plot of reactionaries to deprive people of power to initiate laws.

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# YOUNG GIRL SHOOT'S BETRAYER IN COURT

## ONE MAN'S --OPINION--

IT was 24 years ago that I first sauntered through our "great sensuous southwest."

The first spot I lit on, at the urgent request of the "rear shack" who discovered me in a cattle car manger, was Mojave, and through the years I have visited Mojave whenever I felt the call of the wild and the cave man stuff.

Mojave was "one tuff town," especially for those few hardy souls who didn't know enough to mind their business; a man's town, the female contingent being represented by ladies, perfect ladies all, of various colors and racial persuasion who lived in dobie town just behind Smith's emporium of male delights.

A TOWN so entirely free and easy that they drank their brew from lemonade shakers, because otherwise there wouldn't be a mirror left in a bar in the town.

A village where broken bottles paved the main street, and where miners, desert rats, cow punchers, sheep herders, burros and tin horn gamblers mingled in festive gambols. And where the game lookout would always give you four bits for breakfast when you went broke.

Last Saturday I visited Mojave. A hard-bitten, soft-drink bar tender informed me, without inquiry on my part, that he didn't know where there was a drink to be had.

A prospector, who for 25 years had been making Mojave every six months, lamented that the women of the town had scared the marshal into stopping the last friendly poker game; and even solo was anathema.

ONE man was shot in Mojave the day I last called, but he was a stranger who took one look about the place and who then shot himself on the depot platform, leaving a note willing \$3000 to a friend in Bakersfield. Formerly he would have left the \$3000 to enliven trade circles in the town, and he never would have shot himself from ennui.

I can't say that there ever was much fun drinking warm beer out of a lemonade shaker, but certainly as much as there is in getting a jag on Jamaica ginger and canned heat, and that's what the natives appear to be imbibing in Mojave today, judging from the debris left in the bottom drawer of the "dresser" in my room at the hotel.

The only thing familiar about Mojave is the broken bottles on its main street, and the forty mile an hour gale; and one deserted brass bar rail, which you rub sorrowfully with an aching hoof while you quaff a peanut sundae.

## NEWS DIGEST

### WEATHER—

For Los Angeles and vicinity—Unsettled weather with rain tonight and Saturday.

### LOS ANGELES—

Rich Pasadena man's son-in-law found dead.

Woolfing girl's black hand note in trial of Robert Leach.

New traffic rules to be tried out at Eighth and Broadway.

Comb nation for Wong Lee, named as slayer of William Taylor by Detroit printer.

Mabel Normand faces crisis in battle for life.

School board turns down "teachers' council."

Mother, heartbroken over death of child, commits suicide.

Los Angeles autoist jailed as intoxicated after Telegraph road collision.

Woman dies while attending dinner.

Earl Rogers to be buried Saturday.

Betting odds 2 to 1 in favor of Madalynne Obenchain's acquittal.

Prosecution to finish case against Brother Isaiah today.

Paris Race, 15, film actress, dies after five weeks illness.

### COAST—

San Quentin—Mexican hanged for murder of Riverside sheriff.

Los Angeles—Two women on charge of slaying husband.

San Rafael—Two posess hunt three escaped convicts.

### EAST AND ABROAD—

Cleburn, Texas—Three persons burned to death.

Waco, Texas—Girl, 15, kills man on trial for assault in courtroom.

St. Paul—Fifty thousand dollar thief and three pals escape jail.

London—Recovery of Princess Mary's grandmother prevents postponement of royal wedding.

St. Paul—Five trainmen killed, nine passengers injured in wreck.

### WASHINGTON—

Police seek writers of blackhand letters.

Discarded billiard balls are now made into electric push-buttons.

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# SET TRAP FOR CHINESE

## BEGIN TODAY

## GUARD HAUNTS OF WONG LEE

Information that Wong Lee, accused in a confession by Harry M. Fields in Detroit as the slayer of William Desmond Taylor, has been seen in Los Angeles, electrified the sheriff's office into action late Friday.

A watch was instantly put over the house in Chinatown where Wong was expected to show up, according to the information received at the sheriff's office.

At 4 o'clock Deputy Sheriff Frank Dewar said the latest tip received led the officers to expect the Chinese within the next two hours.

Wong is known as a tong man, a dope peddler and a desperate gun fighter. Two deputy sheriffs with revolvers ready at hand were watching for his reappearance.

Developments in the Taylor murder late Friday pointed to a speedy solution of the crime or the alternative that it will soon be listed as an unsolved mystery.

The day's activities in the murder hunt included the following:

1. An effort to trace the Ford sedan which Fields designated as the murder car.

2. Partial identification of Fields by means of a photograph as the man who, accompanied by another, had a \$1000 note changed at the Hellman day and night bank.

Undersheriff Eugene Biscailuz wired Sheriff Irving V. Coffin at Detroit, asking him to have Fields tell from whom he obtained the sedan and if possible what the number was.

Identifies Picture

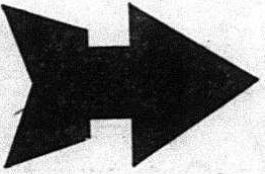
If Fields is unable to supply this information, his story will be largely discredited. If, however, he can give directions so the county detectives may find the car, it will go a long way toward establishing the truth of his confession and solving the murder mystery.

It was reported late Friday that L. D. Seat, teller at the Hellman Day and Night bank, had identified Fields by means of a photograph.

Fields stated in his confession to the Chief Criminal Deputy Al Manning and Deputy Joe Nolan left the sheriff's office Friday noon.

It was reported they had received a tip on the whereabouts of Jennie Moore, the woman named in the confession as a member of the party Fields drove to the Taylor bungalow at 404-B South Alvarado street.

Their expedition followed an early morning search of Chinatown by



## GUNSIGHT PASS



CHAPTER I

"Crooked as a Dog's Hind Laig" It was a land of splintered peaks, of deep, dry gorges, of barren mesas burnt by the suns of a million torrid summers. The normal condition of it was warfare. Life here had to protect itself with a tough, callous rind, to attack with a swift, deadly sting. Only the fit survived.

But moonlight had magically touched the hot, wrinkled earth with a fairy godmother's wand. It was bathed in a weird, mysterious beauty. Into the crotches of the hills lakes of wondrous color had been poured at sunset. The crests had flamed with crowns of glory, the canons become deep pools of blue and purple shadow. Blurred by kindly darkness, the gaunt ridges had softened to pastels of violet and bony mountains to splendid sentinels keeping watch over a gulf of starlit space.

Around the camp-fire the drivers of the trail herd squatted on their heels or lay sprawled at indolent ease. The glow of the leaping flames from the twisted mesquite lit their lean faces, tanned to bronzed health by the beat of an untempered sun and the sweep of parched winds. Most of them were still young, scarcely out of their boyhood; a few had reached maturity. But all were products of the desert. The high-heeled boots, the leather chaps, the kerchiefs knotted round the neck, were worn at its insistence. Upon every line of their features, every shade of their thought, it had stamped its brand indelibly.

The talk was frank and elemental. It had the crisp crackle that goes with free, unfettered youth. In a parlor some of it would have been offensive, but under the stars of the open desert it was as natural as the life itself. They spoke of the spring rains, of the Crawford-Steelman feud.

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## BETTING 3 TO 1 FOR MADALYNNE

Kennedy - Obenchain Affairs Again Aired.

Intimate details of Madalynne Obenchain's relations with J. Belton Kennedy and her ex-husband Ralph Obenchain, were again aired in Judge Reeve's court Friday afternoon when Deputy Sheriff R. H. Johnson testified.

Mrs. Obenchain sat calmly with her black gloved hand resting upon Ralph Obenchain's arm while the deputy sheriff told how Mrs. Obenchain informed him that her ex-husband paid her \$50 a month alimony. She said that he signed checks over to her, but she did not use them.

"Our home was broken up through Mr. Kennedy," the defendant told the deputy sheriff on the night of the tragedy in Beverly Glen. She told Johnson she and J. Belton Kennedy had visited Redondo during the afternoon. Then they decided to go to Beverly Glen but Kennedy did not have his key to the bungalow.

Mrs. Obenchain wanted her sweetheart to search for a penny which she placed under a rock more than a year before.

Said Kennedy Fiance

"I have known Mr. Kennedy for five years," Mrs. Obenchain related to the officer. "He was my fiancé. But for some reason or other I married Mr. Obenchain. He kept pleading with me to marry him."

Mrs. Obenchain told the deputy sheriff she was temporarily residing at the Alexandria hotel and that a Mrs. Wilson was waiting for her at her room.

A little gold wedding ring on the key ring of Kennedy at the time he was murdered was referred to by the officer.

"I asked her if Kennedy was married. She said 'no.' I felt sorry for

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## REALITY MAN, 59 PAYS WITH LIFE

WACO, Texas, Feb. 24.—J. S. Crosslin, well-to-do real estate promoter on trial in district court for criminal assault, was shot and killed in the courtroom today by Miss Marcie Matthews, 15, the complaining witness.

With a smoking revolver in her hand, the 15-year-old girl stood over the body of her alleged betrayer after the shooting and explained:

"I thought I ought to."

Crosslin was an trial on a charge of criminal assault on Miss Matthews. The jury had been selected.

Girl Shoots From Stand, Three Bullets Enter Body

The girl was called as the first witness. As she took the stand, she turned and fired at the defendant who sat across a table from her.

Three bullets took effect, one in the stomach, one in the back and one in the left arm.

Crosslin crumpled to the floor and died almost instantly. Deputy Sheriff M. Burton grabbed the pistol from the girl and carried her from the courtroom to the sheriff's office.

"He disgraced me, ruined by health and deprived me of school privileges," the girl declared, as she sat with clenched fists in the sheriff's office, after the shooting. "He'll never ruin another girl."

Court of Appeals Had Remanded 9-year Sentence

Crosslin had been tried once before on the same charge. He was convicted and sentenced to nine years, but the case was remanded by the court of appeals because a woman was on the grand jury which brought in the indictment. He was then re-indicted.

The offense is alleged to have been committed at the home of Miss Matthews in Waco, about a year ago. The Matthews family have since moved to Falls county.

Father, Brother See Slaying, Girl Charged With Murder

Will Matthews, the girl's father, and a young brother are here attending the trial.

Crosslin, 59 years old, was married and has several children. His family is well known here.

Deputy Burton declared that murder charges would be filed against the girl.

Soon after the shooting a complaint of murder was filed against Miss Matthews. By agreement between the attorneys the girl was allowed bond of \$4000 pending her examining trial, which will be held next Monday or Tuesday.

## LAST MINUTE NEWS

COULDN'T HELP BEING BANDIT

"Banditry and thievery seem to pervade the atmosphere of Los Angeles. I could not resist the impulse."

Such was the statement of George L. Warren, 61, who, with his wife, Mrs. Ellen Warren, 60, was arrested in a department store at Eighth and Broadway for shoplifting.

Warren told Detective Sergeants Beaumont and Roberts that he was a wealthy paper manufacturer of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and a prominent club man of that city. He was accused of taking two pairs of shoes.

Warren took the blame for the act, but his wife was jointly accused. "This will ruin me," he said. "I don't want a lawyer. I am going to throw myself on the mercy of the court."



# SOLVE TAYLOR PHONE CALL

## MURDER PROBE SHIFTS TO CHICAGO

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#### ONE MAN'S -- OPINION --

LOS Angeles today has in its back yard the only living volcano of any American city, and thus the great so'west strengthens her appeal for the tourist troops and battalions.

If you want to get an idea of the power and glory and the incandescent heat of nature in her throes you should take a run down to Santa Fe Springs and watch that amazing mass of flame pouring from the hot bowls of the earth with a roar that can be heard for miles.

A crater, perhaps a hundred feet across, a rushing volume of blazing gas pouring out and up in great spurts until the highway a quarter of a mile away is impassable from the heat.

THE earth is melting with fervent heat all about the crater's mouth, and there is enough caloric going to waste down there to heat every home in this city, and to spare.

BY night the spectacle becomes terrifying, for the volume of gas spurts out as from a giant blow torch; spurts out and up for hundreds of feet while the white hot hole bellows its titanic distress.

And by night a great pillar of cloud floats over the burning well, a white motionless pillar that takes on weird shapes, but that mostly resembles a great dirigible floating on a sea of flame.

And all this devastation, all this outpouring of the spirit of the hot heart of nature, came because a tinkery rock, in being ejected from the well, flashed a tiny spark way down in the black depths of the earth and set the oil and gas afire.

SOMETIMES they stop burning oil wells by heroic work from behind asbestos shields but they won't stop this geyser of flame; it will do its own burning and attend to its own funeral.

When you stand under these billows of flame, with the heaving clouds above and the earth trembling and moaning in the intensity of her travail, you see tiny insignificant black dots of men moving before the wall of fire like ants, and about as important.

And calmly we move and have our being on the thin rind of dirt stretched over the ball of fire we call "our" earth. Billy Sunday would have a better idea of his hell, could he visit Santa Fe Springs.



THE Pershing Park Philosopher  
Was sitting on a bench;  
He mourned the bygone amber brew  
Which used his thirst to quench.

His eye was bleary, his nose was red  
His frame was like a lath,  
For weeks he had not felt a bed  
Nor known in months a bath.

No scented pomade on his hair,  
No needle on his neck;  
His pants decayed beyond repair—  
A sorry sight, by heck!

HIS wandering mind was on the  
past,  
His feet were on the ground;  
Shoes past the aid of any last—  
No half-soles could be found.

Look at him once,  
then look again,  
Look till you're  
almost blind,  
But keep this man  
above all men  
Fixed firmly in  
your mind.

Well, as this poor wretch sat and  
scratched  
A scrap of paper blew  
Across the grass against his patched  
Pantaloon, and stuck like glue.

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NIGHT WIRE  
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### PAYS PENALTY FOR 11 MURDERS

Troops Keep Crowd Back  
During Execution.

By WEBB MILLER  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Versailles, France, Feb. 25.—Henri Landru, most remarkable criminal of modern times, was executed today on the guillotine for the murders of 10 women and a boy.

A large crowd, kept in check by 400 cavalymen, turned out before daylight to witness the execution, which took place in a street in the center of the city.

Landru, who, up until the last moment had expected a reprieve, met death stoically. Only at the last

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### TIA JUANA ENTRIES

First race, 5 1/2 furlongs: Geo. Muehlbach 112, Hanover's Topas 117, L. W. Harper 112, McMurphy 114, Plantagenet 112, Peggy Martin 110, Pueblo 112, Sea Beach 109, Tullotson 112.

Second race, 1 1/4 miles: Black Top 106, Billy Stuart 114, Corbetta 108, Dawood 110, Nick Klein 110, Petar 115, Robert Lee 105, York Lander 108.

Third race, 1 mile: Bas Blancs 105, Cigale 102, Flash of Steel 110, Nebraska 110, Sam Hill 110, Tumbler 109, Uranium 110, Weiland 110.

Fourth race, 5/8 furlongs: Capon 102, Cookmaid 105, Col. Murphy 112, Evelyn Harrison 110, Myrtle A. 112, No Wonder 112, Orleans Girl 109, Ringleader 112, Robt. L. Owen 114, View 112.

Fifth race, 1 mile: Bill Head 110, Dainty Lady 105, Jack Lodi 109, Mistake 109, Monteri 105, Plow Steel 94, Vic 109.

Sixth race, 1 1/4 miles, handicap: Be Frank 120, Breeze 108, East Indian 115, Matclier 117, Omrod 100, Regress 107, Rifle 108, Regal Lodge 111, Star Realm 105, Thirva entry.

Seventh race, 6 furlongs: Bobby Allen 101, Clarkson 100, Huren Y. 108, Planet 95, Rooster 97, Rapid Stride 108, Tom Cobby 96, Veteran 102, "I wish entry."

Eighth race, mile and 70 yards: Billy Lane 110, Franklin 106, Glenwall 106, Little Florence 97, Media 109, Orchi King 107, Plum Blossom 106.

Ninth race, 5/8 furlongs: American Maid 106, Dancing Girl 109, Den Jess 108, Ike Mills 105, Little Pointer 101, Mayflower 112, Non Suit 112, Perch 109, Shifty 116.

Interference in  
PORT OPPOSED

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In accordance with a resolution passed by city council, John F. Horn was appointed labor representative on the committee, although the labor body disapproved of the council resolution on the ground that the bringing in of outside organizations would prove a hindrance instead of an aid to the efficiency commission.

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By United Press.  
Basle, Feb. 25.—"You can say that I'm not an old man of 57," said Max Oser, laughing today, in his first interview with an American newspaper correspondent.

### MURDER CLUE IN CHICAGO PROBED

Finding the friend to whom a prominent film actress telephoned in San Francisco the night of the Taylor murder, saying, "I am in trouble, help me," was the most striking development in the Taylor murder case late Saturday.

1.—The tracing of two sisters said to have a knowledge of the crime to a small town in the oil fields northwest of Bakersfield.

2.—The demand by Harry M. Fields, self-confessed participant in the plot to kill William Desmond Taylor that he be promised immunity from the gallows before he will tell all he knows about the murder.

3.—The escape of Jean Dubane, suspected of being Edward F. Sands, absconding secretary of the film director, from the Winslow, Ariz., jail.

Five Burns detectives from Los Angeles were in Chicago working on a new angle of the Taylor murder mystery, according to a report received in Los Angeles late Saturday.

G. P. Pross, manager of the local Burns office, practically confirmed the report by stating, when questioned, that he was not permitted to say whether or not the operatives were at work in Chicago.

Mystery surrounds the activities of the detectives there, but it is believed they are engaged in an important new angle of the murder.

The friend to whom the actress in Los Angeles sent a long distance telephone message the night of February 1, was located late Saturday in San Francisco by Detective Sergeant Herman Cline, according to a report received at the sheriff's office.

Cline was sent to San Francisco by District Attorney Woolwine with orders to work under the direction of the chief of detectives and find the person who received the mysterious telephone call if it were possible.

Jessie and Maudie Cooper, sisters, who Fields declared knew about the plot to kill Taylor, were traced to a small town about 30 miles northwest of Bakersfield. Here all the trace of them was lost.

The girls were trailed from Chinatown where they lived, according to investigators.

Was In Tong War  
Maudie Cooper figured in a Tong war that raged in Chinatown several months ago. She took refuge in an automobile to avoid flying bullets and was made the unwilling companion of a Chinese tong fighter who used this car to effect his escape.

The girl told this story to the police and said the Chinese ejected her from the car in the outskirts of the city.

Reports from Sheriff Irving V. Coffin of Detroit, indicated that Harry Fields had assumed a defiant attitude and would not talk about the murder unless he was promised immunity. Fields confessed that he drove the murder car the night Taylor was slain.

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### Plan Truth Serum Test For Fields

USE of "truth serum" recently discovered in Texas was recommended Saturday by Under-sheriff Eugene Biscailuz for the purpose of determining the veracity of the story of William Desmond Taylor's murder told by Harry M. Fields in Detroit.

The changing account which Fields, confessed dope addict and forger, gives of the murder, is being seriously doubted by the county authorities both here and in Detroit. Injection of the truth compelling compound might solve the enigma of Fields' confession, Biscailuz thinks.

Might Solve Case  
The undersheriff, who has been in charge of the county investigation of the noted film director's murder, so expressed himself when the suggestion of using the serum on Fields was made to him.

"I think it would be a good idea," declared Biscailuz. "The district attorneys who made the experiment in two cases claim it worked perfectly."

"If they would try it on Fields we might get the truth. If we could eliminate his story as a hop head's dream, it would help a lot with the investigation. As long as we are unable to satisfy ourselves

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### RECOVER SAFE STOLEN FROM P. E.

The safe stolen from the Pacific Electric ticket office at El Segundo Thursday night was recovered at noon Saturday on a ranch in Bellflower. The \$50 that was reposing in the safe when officials closed the office Thursday night was gone.

Police are looking for the thieves, who were said to be amateurish in their methods. Fingerprints were taken.

### NEWS DIGEST

WEATHER—  
For Los Angeles and vicinity—Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday. Possibly showers.

LOS ANGELES—  
Power bonds sold in Chicago. Three arrested in fur robbery. Obsequies to visit Beverly Glen Monday.

Brother Isaiah to open manslaughter defense Monday. Selling Mojave desert farms to Canadians as "beauty spots."

L. A. man charges wife attended "strip poker" party; asks divorce. Superintendent Dodge lays 3 per cent contract loan.

Harry Fields' explanation of Taylor murder losing weight with investigators, who are beginning to think he is promoting a hoax.

COAST—  
Riverside—Swine breeders to meet. San Quentin—Three escaped convicts believed to have held up a store. San Diego—San Diego to be destroyer base.

WASHINGTON—  
Senate committee favors Pacific port. East—Henry Landru, French blue-beard, executed for the murder of ten women and one boy.

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EAST AND ABROAD—  
Boulogne—Premier Lloyd George and Poincare confer. Paris—Henry Landru, French blue-beard, executed for the murder of ten women and one boy.

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### CITY VICTOR IN 3-YEAR BATTLE

Despite the tremendous obstacles thrown in its path by the monied power interests, Los Angeles has won its fight for municipal ownership of the principal electrical distributing system in the city.

Word was received from Chicago late Saturday that the colossal bond issue of \$13,500,000 had been delivered to its purchasers and the money is now on deposit in a Chicago bank to the credit of Los Angeles.

This means that after a three-year fight the city will be able in all probability to pay for the Southern Edison company distributing system by March 1. The margin between success and failure will be less than half a week. March 1 was the day when the city's contract with the company for the purchase of its system was to expire.

Dramatic Battle  
Harried and beset by its enemies the city's battle to engage in a business voted by its citizens, was as dramatic as a tense melodrama.

Every inch of ground was contested by its adversaries. Privately owned corporations knowing they could not compete in prices with the municipally owned plant fought with desperate energy.

The bonds were first sold to the Hellman syndicate, privately, to circumvent litigation sponsored by the monopoly. This sale was attacked in the courts and defeated.

\$14,000,000 For Expansion  
Council then openly advertised large its present electrical system.

Then suits attacking the legality of the bonds on questionable grounds were filed. The suits were believed to have been backed by the L. A. Gas and Electric corporation.

The C. B. Minter suit was filed but later withdrawn, only to be followed by the Edward Nittinger suit. Just as Mayor Cryer had concluded signing the last bond, this suit was also withdrawn, leaving the bonds clear of legal entanglements.

Worked In Secret  
Fearing that publicity would mean still another suit, filed either by an ill-advised taxpayer, a blackmailing attorney, or a tool of the gas company, the city working under cover rushed the bonds to Chicago where the money was to be turned over.

After a period of tense suspense, City Treasurer N. T. Powell finally delivered the bonds and after they

LAST MINUTE NEWS  
DIP GETS MAN'S LIFE SAVINGS  
Three minutes after he had drawn his life savings from the Hellman bank pickpockets robbed Mike Pusko, an Austrian of \$1800 late Saturday.

Pusko had just gotten outside the door when two men approached him; one from the front and one from the back. The man in the rear pushed him against his accomplice, who hid his hand inside Pusko's pocket and withdrew the wallet.

Pusko was unable to give an accurate description of the pickpockets, who are believed to have watched him withdraw the money. Bank officials declared they advised him to accept a cashier's check instead of the cash, but that he demanded he be paid in bills. Pusko took out every cent he had on deposit.

SPRING BASEBALL TAKES ON LIFE  
Spring baseball took on new life here Saturday with the arrival of William Wrigley from Chicago. The owner of the Los Angeles and Chicago clubs will remain here for several weeks to watch his teams in action.

Wrigley brought word that the main body of the Cub team was expected to leave Chicago Saturday morning for Avalon. Business Manager Charlie Lockard of the Angels received telegrams from Outfielder Twombly and Catcher Daley that they would arrive here.

Wet grounds at Washington Park caused Manager Bill Esker of Vernon to transfer his players to Maier Park at Vernon Saturday morning. The Vernon park is built on sandy soil and had drained off sufficiently for a workout.

Tuesday with the Cub team.

for bidders. The First Securities company and its associates outbid the others agreeing to pay par, interest at 5 per cent and a premium of \$450,495. This makes a total of nearly \$14,000,000 with which the city can en-

were checked up the money for them was deposited for Los Angeles.

Chicago, Feb. 25.—Low heels were decreed for co-eds by university deans of women meeting here. Regulation shoes for co-eds are: Roomy toes, flexible shanks, broad low heels, straight inner lines.



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# MADALYNNE WEEPS AT TRIAL

## ONE MAN'S --OPINION--

**A** WATTS carpenter writes me asking if I think Arthur was right when he, meaning Br'er Brisbane, said the Scriptural seer thought the earth was flat when he spoke of the four corners of our little sphere.

But at that, maybe a sphere does have corners; if light has weight and can be attracted by the pull of gravity; if ether is an actuality and if two parallel lines will ultimately come together (all of which appears to be scientifically demonstrated) why there isn't so much of a pull on the human imagination to consider a four-cornered ball.

Voliva says it is a crime to teach that the earth is anything but flat, and Bill Bryan says it should be against the law to teach that man evolved from anything lower than his present form.

And at that Bill may be right; personally it is hard for me to believe that a lot of men ever were any lower, even though they may have been gibbering apes swinging by an arching arboreal clutching tail.

**I**T'S the old, old struggle between two varieties of truth; science deals with facts and not with ethics; religion deals with ethics and its material facts are seldom inspired.

BUT, and here's the meat of the matter; the golden rule is the highest good yet known to man, no matter whether the carpenter of Nazareth believed the earth flat; or that he saw all the kingdoms of the earth when taken to a high mountain top.

Religion may be entirely mistaken as to its science, but it is only dangerous to men when it aspires to physical and political dominion.

Science is chiefly disastrous when it denies all the higher moral laws because it discovers that the golden rule was merely a paraphrase of an ancient saying of Zoroaster.

The greatest of these is charity, and nobody has a monopoly of that; the church that succeeds in living the golden rule in being long suffering, kind, forbearing and faithful to its deepest convictions will be the ultimate church, for that's about all there was to Christianity, in the beginning; is now, or ever shall be, world without end, amen.

## ARE LOS ANGELES PUBLIC SERVANTS DEAF AND DUMB?

**H**ERE is a sensational secret! Many of the men running the Los Angeles city government don't live here.

They may, it is true, reside in the city, but their pulse does not beat in rhythm with the pulse of the mass of the citizens, their minds are closed to the needs of the mass of the citizens; their ears are deaf to the voice of the people—and they simply cannot be said to LIVE here.

They have nothing, these public servants, in common with the man with callouses on his hands, or with that man's family. They wear their callouses on their hearts.

They don't live here, humanly, and they shouldn't be allowed to live here any longer politically. They should be removed from office in disgrace.

**A**T the lowest estimate 100,000 men or women—chiefly women—spend two hours every month trotting from one end of the business section to the other and standing in line for weary minutes for the supreme privilege of paying the gas and phone and light companies and so forth the bills they owe these companies.

Dragging children by the hand and hugging bundles to their bosoms these worried-faced, tired women trudge the streets and sag in dragging lines before grating windows—just because the city's board of public utilities is a stony-faced, stony-hearted, contemptibly indifferent crew. SHAME on such public service as that!

**T**HE result, counting out inconvenience and discomfort, is a flat loss of 200,000 hours of time a month. That's a ten-hour day every month for 20,000 women. That's a constant job every weekday in the month for almost 1000 women.

That's an aggregate loss to these women of \$100,000 a month, for their time is worth fifty cents an hour any day doing the neighbor's dishes or caring for the neighbor.

# MYSTERY MURDER

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### SANDS IN L.A. AFTER MURDER

Underwood Tells Police  
He Met Valet.

William Desmond Taylor expected an assassin would attempt his life.

Edward F. Sands was on Broadway the night after the Taylor murder.

These latest outstanding features of the murder mystery started an entirely new line of investigation when related in the county jail Monday by W. S. Underwood held on a charge of embezzling \$1500 from the Pacific Electric railway.

Undersheriff Eugene Biscailuz announced late Monday that every clue given in the lengthy statement made to him by the prisoner would be thoroughly investigated. Biscailuz was not convinced of the truth of Underwood's story, but stated that every effort would be made to follow the leads suggested.

The most valuable clue given by Underwood was the statement that he saw Sands, missing secretary of the slain director, at Seventh and Broadway the night after the murder. Sands was headed south.

Claiming to have been intimate with Taylor, Underwood said the noted director confided to him that he had been haunted for months by a premonition of death at the hands of an assassin.

#### Take Statement

Taylor spoke of the premonition without a trace of fear, but with a convincing soberness, according to Underwood.

He did not tell Underwood that he had any reason for this conviction that an attempt would be made upon his life.

The man under arrest first told Clarence E. Patton, deputy sheriff who brought him back from Topeka, Kas., about seeing Sands on Broadway.

Undersheriff Eugene Biscailuz interviewed him Monday afternoon in the county jail and got his complete statement.

Underwood, whose arrest resulted from the striking resemblance he bears to Sands, gave the best clue to the whereabouts of the missing secretary that has yet come into the hands of the authorities.

"Sands is in Mexico now, unless he has taken a boat for South America," declared Underwood. "He told me he was headed south."

#### Says He Saw Sands

Underwood declared that he knew both Sands and Taylor well. He first met Taylor in a cafe in Los Angeles when the director, seeing he was alone, invited him to join his party.

At the table with Taylor were women recognized as picture actresses whose faces are familiar all over the world.

The evening of February 2, Underwood said he met Sands on the street. Underwood stated that he was coming out of Loew's theater at Seventh and Broadway when he bumped into the man who looked so much like him.

After a few words of greeting Sands remarked:

"Well, you'll not see me again. I'm going south tonight. Goodbye." Underwood, who is the son of a Pacific Electric official, was em-

### Madalynne Cries As She Visits Glen

Madalynne Obenchain stood on the steps of the Beverly Glen cottage where her sweetheart, J. Belton Kennedy, was slain. She swayed forward, grasped the frail railing. Her lips trembled. Tears fell from her eyes.

This was the only demonstration of emotion by the woman on trial for the murder of Kennedy when she was taken to the spot Monday.

The jury, judge, deputy sheriffs, newspaper men and women, and spectators crowded about the scene of the murder and talked in awed voices.

Mrs. Obenchain buried her face in a large fur neckpiece and almost prevented photographers from taking her picture.

Ralph R. Obenchain, her ex-husband, was not by her side Monday. Mrs. Obenchain looked sadly toward the hills and carefully said: "No, he didn't come today. I don't know why."

#### Airedale Sniffs

While Mrs. Obenchain's eyes traveled over the ground about the little green cabin owned by her sweetheart, George Liefer's dog—the shaggy Airedale who barked at the assassin on the night of the murder—sniffed at her heels. Mrs. Obenchain gazed at the dog as much as to say: "He could tell a strange story if he could talk."

During court session, held in the

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### COL. BISHOP TO COMMAND MARINES

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—Lieutenant Colonel Giles Bishop, commanding marine corps recruiting in the western district, has been assigned to command the marine corps barracks at San Diego, Cal., according to announcement here today. Major J. P. Wilcox, now in charge of recruiting at Denver, will succeed Lieut. Col. Bishop.

### TIA JUANA ENTRIES

First race, 6 furlongs: A. J. Lowndes 108, Bittern 89, Castle Crown 91, Chalmers 104, Ethel Kismet 89, Meteor 94, Missouri 104, Mrs. Jiggs 111, Rinkabon 112, Stuppo 112, Skylark 94, Wooden Bonnet 104.  
Second race, 6 furlongs: Argento 105, Dividend 112, Ford Hope 104, Combs 107, Flash of Steel 119, Go On 119, Lady 107, Flash of Steel 119, Go On 119, Lady 107, Flash of Steel 119, Go On 119, Lady 107.  
Third race, 6 furlongs: Billy Joe 115, Black Top 112, China Jane 108, Combs 107, Flash of Steel 119, Go On 119, Lady 107, Flash of Steel 119, Go On 119, Lady 107.  
Fourth race, 1 1/4 miles: By Right 108, Doctor Samuel 112, Diner 105, Debra 102, George C. Jr. 102, Robert Lee 110, Swenson 110, Sippara 110, White Haven 109.  
Fifth race, 5 1/2 furlongs: Huron 111, Bender 109, Kinglike 117, Ring 104, Tornado 101, Tabloid 90.  
Sixth race, 1 1/4 miles: Alma B 108, Billy Stuart 110, Baby Cal 110, Captain Evans 115, Calico 110, Pickney Nat 107, Jaws 110, Weiland 115, Zodiac 105.  
Seventh race, 1 1/4 miles: Bourdon Green 104, Bushnell 112, Dun Dodge 105, Fannie Nell 108, Walter H. Pearce 112, Yermak 104.  
Eighth race, 5 1/4 furlongs: \*Col. Matt 107, Duc De Guise 110, Harry Burgoyne 106, Little Pointer 102, Myrtle A. 112, Prince Henry 105, Persimmon 104, Queen of Trumps 106, Rubler 110, Thafferty 115, Smiling Maggie 108, Thirty-Seven 106. \*Pop. entry. Stewin entry.

### POSTCARDS PUT COUNCIL ON EAR

City council stood upon its figurative ear Monday over the sending out of postcards by the Slauson Avenue Protective association which attacked the proposed widening of Slauson avenue.

### CLIMBS DEATH STAIRS



Madalynne Obenchain today revisited the scene of the slaying of J. Belton Kennedy. As she mounted the stairs of her former sweetheart's bungalow she wept. This was her only show of emotion during her trial.

### PASS BUCK IN "FORGERY" ROW

The city council Monday passed the buck to Mayor Cryer in the Kluge-McKee controversy over the alleged forging of Kluge's signature in a resignation accepted by Mayor Cryer.

A resolution passed by the municipal league asking that city council either probe the forgery charges itself or ask the grand jury to do so, was referred to Mayor Cryer with-out comment.

### Morse and Eleven Co-workers Indicted

Washington, Feb. 27.—Charles W. Morse, New York financier, and 11 others, all of whom held offices in the Virginia Shipbuilding corporation, were indicted today by the federal grand jury on charges of conspiracy to defraud the United States government and conspiracy to defraud the United States shipping board.

### DON'T MISS IT

HAVE you started "Gunsight Pass," the new serial by William MacLeod Raine, now running in The Record? The story opens in the Arizona cattle country. David Sanders owns a pony, Chiquito. An argument arises over the superiority of his pony over a horse owned by George Dobie, half-brother of the ranch foreman of Elm Crawford, a cattle man. Sanders' pony is beaten in the race. Now go on with the story on page 4.

### FIND DRUGGIST DEAD IN STORE

Police detectives faced a new death mystery late Monday, following discovery of the body of Russell Baker, 65-year-old druggist, in a rear room of his store at 9404 South Vermont avenue.

A jagged wound over the left eye, an empty 32-caliber shell near the cot where he slept, and a shattered rear window were the only evidences of violence.

Baker lived alone in the rear of his pharmacy. Detectives advanced the theory that drug store thieves may have entered through the rear window and started to ransack the establishment, not knowing that the proprietor lived in the store building. If Baker awakened, it is probable that the burglars silenced him with a bullet from the shell found near his cot.

Neighbors reported that they heard the report of a gun shot about 11 p. m. Sunday night.

Preliminary examination did not satisfy investigating officers that the wound over the eye was caused by a bullet.

This led to speculations that the druggist might have died from heart failure, because he was known to have suffered attacks last week.

#### Call in Surgeon

This theory, however, failed to account for the cartridge shell. An autopsy surgeon was called on the case late Monday to determine definitely the cause of death.

The body was discovered by Fred Hernn, of 9402 South Vermont.

### ASK DISMISSAL OF ISAIAH CASE

Defense Motion However Overruled

After losing their first big point in their battle to free the defendant, the defense forces at the trial of Brother Isaiah Cudney, the Miracle Man, before a jury in Judge Shenk's court, Monday, before noon, handed the prosecution a unique surprise package.

The package was the unexpected testimony of Mrs. Bessie McBride, proprietor of a Long Beach dry goods store.

Before Mrs. McBride took the stand, Defense Attorneys Paul Schenck and Richard Kittler made a motion that Judge Shenk give an instructed verdict of not guilty for Brother Isaiah, without compelling him to present his defense evidence.

During the argument that followed the jury of six men and six women were excluded from the courtroom. It was the contention of Schenck

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### NEWS DIGEST

#### WEATHER—

For Los Angeles and Vicinity—Fair tonight and Tuesday.

#### LOS ANGELES—

Find L. A. druggist mysteriously murdered in store.

L. A. railway car held up by bandits. Madalynne Obenchain taken with jury Kennedy death scene Monday.

Brother Isaiah's defense Monday in manslaughter trials.

Made jury for murder trial of two night watchmen.

"Mrs. Minter's" comb figures in L. A. divorce trial evidence.

Fields' version of Taylor murder is branded as pure "dope dream."

City's sale of \$13,000,000 power bonds, topic of hour at city hall.

Hearing on Edison power rates outside Los Angeles opens before public service commission.

#### COAST—

San Francisco—Nurse killed by speeding auto.

San Diego—Colonel Bishop to command marine barracks.

#### EAST AND ABROAD—

New York—Four more brokerage firms go broke.

Chicago—Hunger strikers to die on gallows.

Brussels—Hugh Gibson, American minister to Poland, marries.

London—English capital ready to honor Princess Mary.

#### WASHINGTON—

Supreme court upholds I. C. C. control of intrastate rates.

Senate committee reports Chinese treaty.

Supreme court upholds woman suffrage. Morse and 11 others indicted in ship trials.

Congress may act to prevent land grabbing.

Harding declines to meet Legion head. Plan new regulations for wireless.

### COUNCIL PASSES LAW OVER VETO

Mayor Cryer's veto of the ordinance forbidding building washing between 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. was disregarded by city council Monday, who unanimously passed the ordinance a second time.

The mayor vetoed the ordinance on the ground that it included sand blasting and that this work could not be properly done at night. Council held that sand blasting in daylight hours was even more objectionable than washing with water or chemicals.

Great Britain's postoffice savings bank has been in existence 60 years.

### LAST MINUTE NEWS

#### LATEST FROM THE DIAMOND

Officials of the Los Angeles ball club assembled at Avalon Monday to talk over the coming "territorial rights" league with William Wrigley.

Business Manager Charlie Lockard and Secretary Charles Weber left for the island early and were joined on the boat by President Joe Patrick.

Vernon filed application for a hearing on the question nearly a month ago and President McCarthy is required by a league resolution to call a directors' meeting within thirty days.

The Tigers continued their workouts at Vernon Monday. Carl Sawyer, second baseman, and "Slim" Love, pitcher, signed contracts and donned uniforms. They have been holding out for larger salaries.

Manager Eiseck announced the signing of J. Rogers, semi-pro catcher. Rogers has been playing for the Seely Brothers nine.

Shortstop McAulley telegraphed Manager Kluge of the Angels and asked permission to report on March 6. The Angels have been ordered out at Eslerne on the first of the month. News was received from Chicago that Outfielder Trembly, Catcher Daley and Pitcher Fender had signed their Los Angeles contracts.



# HARDING ASKS \$30,000,000 SUBSIDY POSSE HUNTS SANDS IN MEXICO

## ONE MAN'S --OPINION--

As a matter of fact the world is considerably better than the preachers would have us believe. Certainly a lot better than the divorce court records would indicate.

I am in receipt of a letter from a local professional man who, writing about a recent skit in this corner on marriage and divorce says: "My wife and I will have been married eighteen years March 23. There has never been a cross word pass from either to the other. Not a single disagreement; we are equal partners, have always been and will so continue."

"I feel very proud of this record but I find very few people believe this when I tell it."

**I BELIEVE it.** I know a lot of happily married folks; men who are thoughtful ten years after marriage; women who are at one with their husbands, always; indeed I guess ninety per cent of the young and old married couples I am blessed in being acquainted with are happy, and each proud of the other.

It's quite a chore for a woman to take upon herself the job of raising a husband, and it is something of a job for a tough old bachelor to become a benedict and never have a regret, but by the tens of thousands they do it year after year and there is considerably more smoke than fire in this divorce evil thing.

**USUALLY** you will find that where the husband gives the wife an even break, especially where he shares his check book with her without question, that there is mutual admiration, and that the years increase the fundamental union between husband and wife.

The tight wad, like the married woman flirt, we have ever with us, but they are in an ever decreasing minority.

Some men never should be married; a few women should remain single, but most everybody gets along with most everyone else, despite reiterated preachments to the contrary.

## 'I'M BLIND, LOUISE!' (WOOD ALCOHOL DID IT) 'WHAT WILL I DO?'

**THERE** was wood alcohol in the whisky Eugene Finkle drank. He took one drink. Now he is groping in blindness.

Finkle is 37. As a marine engineer he supported his wife, his mother and his two-year-old son, Gene, Jr.

"I'll have to start nursing again now to keep the house going," said Mrs. Finkle, who formerly was a graduate nurse.

Finkle sits all day in a big armchair, his hands dropped idly in his lap. Or he holds his small son, running his hand tenderly over the child's face.

When Mrs. Finkle has time from her household work, she reads to him.

Finkle's thoughts are chiefly of what the doctors say. There is a slight ray of hope, they tell him; he may see again—perhaps just a little, with very strong glasses.

"We had been out for a walk," Finkle said, his lips tightening, and on the way back I stopped for a drink—one drink. I felt all right until that night, when I awakened with intense pain."

## Madalynne Faces Mother Tomorrow

By ELEANOR M. BARNES

Just how near complete collapse Mrs. Madalynne C. Obichain was when she visited the scene of J. Belmont Kennedy's murder Monday was not revealed until she appeared in court Tuesday. Her face was pale—more than usual. Her hands trembled as she sank into a chair next to her ex-husband, Ralph Obichain, who was reading a letter of encouragement from a Cleveland friend.

Her hand stole into his, but she didn't speak. Mrs. Obichain was thoroughly exhausted following the tedious trip through the glen, down to Santa Monica canyon, where her

## WHY NOT CONSIDER THE PLIGHT OF TIRED MOTHERS?

**THE** line in front of the pay window at the Los Angeles Gas and Electric corporation, 615 South Hill, moves slowly for Mrs. Mary Smith. In her arms an infant, tugging at her skirt a three-year-old toddler, Mrs. Smith wearily counts the monthly bill payers between herself and the window.

"A dozen," she murmurs, "and it's already near 4 o'clock and there's an ironing at home and dishes to wash before supper."

For Mrs. Mary Smith, average housewife, has no "maid" at home and an hour away throws the domestic economy out of kilter.

She has to struggle, too, members of the utilities

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# RIOT FOR PEEK AT BRIDE



**POLITICAL** fireworks will be set off as soon as an attempt is made to legislate against the new "3 per cent loan" scheme, which is being rapidly expanded throughout the state. If you're interested in watching the wheels go round, turn to page 7 and read about the squabble. Only The Record is telling Los Angeles about this conflict which is seething beneath the surface of the state's financial fabric.

## HARDING ASKS SHIP SUBSIDY

Wants \$30,000,000 a Year to Aid Owners.

By United Press.

Washington, Feb. 28.—A great American merchant marine is necessary as the second line of the nation's naval defense, President Harding told congress today in appealing for approval of his ship subsidy program.

Such a merchant marine is also, he added, the highest agency of peace and it bears no threat and incites no suspicion.

President Harding incorporated in his speech almost bodily the recommendations of the United States shipping board for a direct subsidy amounting to about \$30,000,000 a year and calling for various indirect aids. All these he asked congress to approve.

Here's Recommendations

Harding's recommendations, summarized, follows:

Creation of a merchant marine fund by diverting 10 per cent of all customs receipts, netting about \$32,000,000 a year.

All tonnage taxes collected on both foreign and American ships to be added to the merchant marine fund.

Doubling tonnage taxes to yield about \$4,000,000 annually.

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## MOB STAYS AWAKE ALL NIGHT TO SEE WEDDING PARADE

By PERCY M. SARL

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WESTMINSTER ABBEY, LONDON, Feb. 28.—

Princess Mary of Britain today became the bride of Viscount Lascelles.

In a wedding ceremony marked for its beauty and solemnity, the popular princess and the man of her choice, a British commoner, were married at 11:43 in the presence of an assembly of peers, commoners and visiting royalty. They left the abbey together a few minutes after noon.

Historic Westminster Abbey was agape of unsurpassed beauty today as the princess, on the arm of her father, King George, moved down the aisle to the magnificent altar, where Viscount Lascelles stood waiting.

In a brief but impressive Church of England wedding service, the couple were united by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Fifteen other English clergymen assisted in the ceremony.

King George Placed Princess Mary's hand in that of the viscount.

Promises to Obey

Princess Victoria Alexandra Alice Mary, as she was called during the marriage service, promised to love, honor and obey her husband who stood proudly erect as the archbishop pronounced the concluding words that made them man and wife.

After the dean of the abbey had uttered his blessing and the collects, the customary address, the closing hymn and the benediction had been finished, the audience, led by the choir, sang "God Save the King."

This was the only departure from the customary ceremony of the church of England.

The fashionable audience stood while the abbey rang with the singing.

Then the little wedding party, which now included Queen Mary and the dowager queen, went into the chapel, where the register was signed.

Thousands See Procession

The route of the procession from the palace to the abbey was lined with tens of thousands by 8 o'clock.

Buckingham Palace was the target for all eyes early this morning. The huge grey dome of the royal family, which the princess was to marry, was the mecca of early sight-seers.

Inside the palace the princess' wedding morning began auspiciously. Queen Mary observed the pleasant ancient custom of herself waking her daughter with a kiss.

At 11 o'clock the throng that had

## London Cranes Neck at Her She's Now 'Mrs. Lascelles'



Would you break your neck crowding and pushing in a crowd of 100,000 for a look at the woman pictured above? Neither would we. But the Londoners did today. They carried on just like crowds were supposed to in the books when a princess got married. Who is the bride? She's Mary, daughter of King George. Below is a picture of the house where she took her husband, Viscount Lascelles, who says he can trace his ancestry back to Henry VII.

## NEWS DIGEST

### WEATHER—

For Los Angeles and vicinity: Fair tonight and Wednesday.

### LOS ANGELES—

Political struggle looms over plan to regulate "3 per cent loan" companies.

Police "wonder" of Omaha writes Mayor Cress denying she ever predicted "destruction of Los Angeles."

Citizens get opportunity to petition utilities board for establishment of central pay station for all utility bills, private and municipal.

Six alleged bootleggers held and questioned in Taylor murder mystery investigation.

Attorneys in row at Edison power rate hearing.

Hunt bodies in ruins of downtown L. A. fire.

Madalynne recovers after ordeal at visit to Beverly Glen murder scene.

Find car and shotgun used by Standard Oil bandit.

### COAST—

San Francisco—Test California Japanese law.

San Francisco—Marshall Jeffre again to visit United States.

Washington—Congress for \$30,000,000 ship subsidy.

Harding acts to speed up bonus.

Expect Harding to name Dr. Hubert Work to succeed Hays.

EAST AND ABROAD—

London—Egypt is created an independent state.

Tokyo—Surfrage for Japan finally defeated.

London—Thousands cheer Princess Mary as she marries.

## QUESTION 6 IN TAYLOR PROBE

Accuses Two of Plotting Against Director

BULLETIN

By United Press.

Calculus, Cal., Feb. 28.

—A detail of deputy sheriffs of Imperial county, headed by Deputy Sheriff William C. Silver, today

joined with Colonel Francisco Avila, inspector of police of the northern district of Lower California, in a search being conducted in Mexicali for Edward

F. Sands, long sought suspect in the William D. Taylor murder mystery.

The sheriff's office at El Centro acted on a "tip" that is said to have emanated from the Los Angeles

sheriff's office to the effect that Sands had crossed the international line at Tijuana and headed east to Mexicali over the Mexican military highway.

It is believed Sands is making for the interior of Mexico.

Surrounded by a ring of stern-faced detectives, the six young men captured in a police raid on a house at 1836 1/2 West Washington street, and

suspected of having a knowledge of the William Desmond Taylor murder, were thoroughly grilled Tuesday afternoon.

The men, held on suspicion of robbery, were brought into the detective bureau at central police station one at a time to be questioned, after which their photographs and Bertillon measurements were taken.

The result of the third degree given them was not disclosed by the police, but it was understood that enough information was elicited to warrant holding all the suspects for further investigation.

The men, whose arrests followed some quiet sleuthing on the part of the Wilshire station police, gave the names of William East, John Herky, William Kirby, George Calvert, Ray Lynch and Harry Amorheim.

Two of the six are alleged to have let fall some remarks that led the police to believe they know something about the slaying of the noted film director.

A tip given the police by Mrs. John Rupp, 1836 1/2 West Washington street, where the men were taken in a raid, caused her arrest.

Mrs. Rupp names two men who, she says, threatened to get Taylor the night before the murder.

Mrs. Rupp said that the pair threatened Taylor because he interfered with their business, which, according to the police, was traffic in narcotics and bootleg whiskey.

Mrs. Rupp's home is said by the police to be the headquarters of the pair.

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